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Hebron settlers plan 'defense force'

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JEWISH residents of Hebron are setting up quasi-militias to protect themselves in the event of IDF redeployment in the city, community spokesman Noam Arnon said last night.

"We are organizing our own defense system, to make sure that what happened at Joseph's Tomb [which Palestinians attacked last month] doesn't happen to us," Arnon said.

He said armed "civil defense" units would be the backbone of the community's effort to protect itself.

He said community leaders were not satisfied with the explanations which senior IDF officers gave on the defense of the community during recent meetings, and so they decided to take security into their own hands.

"Let's say that several thousand Palestinians starting marching towards us from the Islamic College ... We aren't just going to wait in our homes, but are going to go out and meet them and prevent them from approaching," Arnon said.

"I have no doubt that if there is redeployment, sooner or later the Palestinians will attack us, as they did at Joseph's Tomb and Kfar Darom."

Members of the city's Jewish community might try to block army jeeps or take over hilltop posts evacuated by the IDF, but such moves would only be symbolic, as the community realizes that once the redeployment decision is made it can't be stopped, Arnon said.

Council leaders also said that if the government goes ahead with redeployment, they are likely organize protests, but have no illusions that such action will prevent the pull-out.

Several right-wing groups are scheduled to meet this morning to discuss plans for a demonstration next week in Jerusalem to protest the proposed redeployment.



Jordanian Ambassador Omar Rifai (left) and Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny turn towards the camera as their meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu begins yesterday. (Reuter)

Israeli negotiators arrive in Taba for talks with PA

JON IMMANUEL

THE Israeli delegation to the talks with the Palestinians left for Taba last night, more than 12 hours behind schedule, but that should be taken as a positive sign, a source close to the negotiators said.

"It's too early to talk about what the results of the talks will be, but you should note that the consultations were extended beyond their planned length and they came to certain conclusions," the source said.

Even before the consultations between the leading negotiators and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, "90 percent of what has been said has been disinformation, mostly from the Palestinian side," he said.

It is also too early to know whether the likelihood of greater Israeli flexibility on Hebron will satisfy the Palestinians, who have been waiting two days in Taba for instructions from Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, who was in Cairo yesterday.

Arafat, backed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, continued to say that Israel is trying to change the agreement. He added that Israel plans to create two towns, one run by the Arab municipality and one by Israel. He called this "more racist than South Africa" under apartheid.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said it is impossible to accept demands like limits on the height of apartment buildings in areas where Jews walk or a ban on public buildings near their homes, because the core of the Hebron accord was to assert the municipality's rights throughout the city.

"We have the right to decide and to build in the whole of the city," he said.

But Natshe said Israeli fears the municipality would change the arrangements for Jewish worship at the Tomb of the Patriarchs are unfounded, since the Oslo agreement specifies that the status quo at the site would not change until the matter is renegotiated, starting three months after the redeployment.

In comparison, the Palestinians have been more forthcoming on the burning issue of hot pursuit. They will not let soldiers enter the Palestinian areas unescorted, saying the soldiers could be shot at without proper coordination. They have suggested increased use of joint mobile units.

"Isn't that what partnership is about?" a Palestinian source close to the negotiators asked.

PM irked by Arafat's 'stalling' on Hebron

DAVID MAKOVSKY and LIAT COLLINS

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's pointed refusal to acknowledge any progress in the Hebron talks is upsetting the government, and may be aimed at stirring up further Palestinian discontent, which could trigger violence, officials in the Prime Minister's Office charged.

They said that if Palestinian violence or a terror attack should ensue, there will be no Hebron redeployment.

Senior US officials have also made clear that the Palestinians are mistaken if they believe they might get a better deal if they hold off a negotiated settlement until after the US elections.

Meanwhile, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators held talks last night in Taba. The Israeli team consulted with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu before departing.

During this past week, US officials have sought to avoid formal talks, believing that much more can be accomplished in informal sessions than in larger delegations.

Israeli officials insist there has been significant progress in talks, though Arafat insists this is not the case. Yesterday, in a Knesset speech, Foreign Minister David Levy insisted an agreement could be completed "within hours."

He attacked Arafat for flying to Cairo to consult with Arab leaders instead of remaining in Gaza, where he would be more available for negotiations.

"There has been very impressive progress [but] what it takes is for Mr. Arafat to stop traveling from place to place – and I call on him to do this – as if he had all the time in the world. If he goes on like this, the Israeli government will also have time. No blame falls or will fall on [the government.]

"Therefore, I call on him to give his friends the green light to finish, and to pass on to Arab leaders that there is progress on most issues.

"In contrast to the atmosphere of pessimism being deliberately spread, perhaps as a position-improving tactic, a known technique in negotiations, there is no room for pessimism." Levy said. "The government of Israel entered these talks with the intention of solving the problems. We have put certain issues on the table and these have to be answered.

"We're talking of human lives; we're talking about under what circumstances we can move on to the negotiations on the permanent arrangements. The Israeli government, which adopted the process, intends to further it until its desired end: that is, the final arrangements.

"The atmosphere which [people] are trying to spread today is in complete contrast to the talks and the progress in solving the issues on the agenda. Maybe somebody has the impression that now, when everyone around [us] is applying pressure, he has time. Maybe he is not interested in solving the problems or making progress at all, and he thinks it is worthwhile to delay and create the feeling of a vacuum. I think he is mistaken and is not interpreting the picture correctly."

The US assessment is somewhere between Israeli optimism and Palestinians' pessimism. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said that the US believes there is still "substantial" work ahead.

Clearly, the most sensitive issue is whether the IDF will be allowed to enter the 80 percent of Hebron to be controlled by the Palestinians, called H1, should it receive warnings about the presence of terrorists there.

Officials in Jerusalem are very eager to deflect any allegation that they are delaying the talks. Two days ago, Netanyahu aide David Bar-Illan charged that Arafat was playing a game of "brinkmanship," perhaps believing that he could get a better deal after the US elections.

In Cairo, Arafat held consultations with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti.

"The way it looks right now is that there are differences and we hope that with the mediation of the Americans these differences can be worked out," Kabariti said. "I am hopeful, but without the redeployment in Hebron I think that we will be having a crisis."

Netanyahu also met yesterday with Arab envoys based here. Heads of Arab missions from Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Tunisia, and Mauritania participated. The Moroccan envoy did not attend.

Netanyahu stressed that tough statements from Arab countries "have not been helpful" in the very delicate negotiations. He reiterated his view that with goodwill on the Palestinian side, an agreement on Hebron can easily be concluded.

In a continuing attempt to placate Jordan's King Hussein, Netanyahu dispatched Ambassador to the European Union Ephraim Halevy, to meet with him. Halevy, a confidant of Hussein, met with him at the king's residence outside London.

Settlers vow to take to streets again

BILL HUTMAN

SETTLERS and their supporters must again take to the streets to protest against the government, following nearly four months of relative quiet since the elections, the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza decided during an emergency meeting last night.

"Our aim is not to oust the government of Binyamin Netanyahu, but to provide the counterpressure which will offset the other pressure he is getting [to continue with the Oslo process and freeze building on settlements]," said Nissim Slomiansky, a senior council member.

"I never thought it would come to this after we worked so hard to get Netanyahu elected. But I believe we now have no choice."

The policy change was triggered by the pending IDF redeployment in Hebron. Settlement leaders condemned the planned move as a fatal mistake, which will endanger the city's Jewish community.

But equally important in the decision is "the de facto freeze" the government has maintained on housing construction in the settlements, council members said.

"We have waited with great patience, but to our sorrow, we have yet to hear what we want," said Udi Leiberman of Karnei Shomron. He said the situation is particularly upsetting since the settlement movement had given great support to Netanyahu's election campaign.

Council head Pinhas Wallerstein said the Netanyahu government "has not built one new [Jewish] neighborhood," in the territories, and placed particular blame on Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

"The defense minister's signature is required seven times before a building project can go ahead in a settlement," Wallerstein said.

Slomiansky, who spearheaded the right-wing protests again the Rabin government, outlined a "stages plan" for demonstrating again the Netanyahu government, with protests to become larger and more confrontational if the prime minister doesn't meet their demands.

The council members unanimously approved the plan, the details of which are to be worked out soon, and a statement calling on Netanyahu not to redeploy in Hebron.

Small protests either in front of the Defense Ministry or Mordechai's home are to begin next week, Slomiansky said. Perhaps as early as next week, settlers will also begin building new homes without government approval, he added.

The council is also considering returning to the hilltops in different locations in Judea and Samaria settlers claimed last year, a move that at the time set off violent confrontations with the army and nearby Palestinian residents.

The council will also renew massive demonstrations, if the other measures don't succeed in changing government policy in the territories, Slomiansky said.

"I still have all the old plans we used under the previous government, and it's just a matter of putting them to work again," he said.

Likud MK Gideon Ezra made an unexpected appearance before the council members, causing a major ruckus as he tried to defend the government's policy.

Ezra was heckled by many in the crowd when he called on the settlement leaders to "work together [with the government] toward achieving peace."

Farrakhan calls for UN intervention in Arab-Israel conflict

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

NATION of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan yesterday sought United Nations intervention in the Arab-Israeli conflict, suggesting this was the way to avert "Armageddon."

In a rambling 2 1/2 hour speech at a rally in New York, Farrakhan also said his organization should be allowed to accept $1 billion from Libya. The US has already denied that request.

Farrakhan's rally, billed as a World Day of Atonement, marked the one-year anniversary of the Million Man March in Washington. He drew more than 15,000 men and women to a rally across the street from the United Nations that spilled onto 20 blocks.

Before coming to New York, Farrakhan said in an interview with *Newsweek* magazine that he wanted to speak with Jewish leaders, who in turn dismissed the suggestion. They held to that view yesterday.

"He has not repudiated his own statements regarding the Jewish community and until he atones for his own behavior, we will relate to him as we do to any unrepentant bigot and antisemite – from a comfortable distance," said Michael Miller, executive director of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council.

"There was no atonement," said Abraham Foxman, the head of the Anti-Defamation League. "There was a sense of arrogance in his defending everything as divinely inspired truth."

On the streets, Farrakhan followers were selling the standard antisemitic tracts, including *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and *The Jews and Their Lies* by Martin Luther.

"There's your reconciliation," Foxman said sarcastically.

But Farrakhan's targets had changed somewhat.

"I found it more offensive as an American than I did as a Jew," Foxman said, citing Farrakhan's attacks and his "conspiracy theories" against the US government and its institutions.

"The only praise he had was for Libya, Iran and Iraq," Foxman said.

The key leaders of the black community, who spoke to the hundreds of thousands of black men who gathered last year in Washington, did not attend yesterday's event.

Farrakhan made no specific accusation against the Jews in his speech, which was laden with as many references to Jewish scripture as to the Koran. And although he spent considerable time on his version of the history of slave-trading, he leveled no vitriolic accusation against the Jews for any part in the slave trade.

However, Farrakhan said he should be allowed to accept a $1 billion gift from Libya as expiation for the sins of the Arabs in being part of the slave trade. It was suggested that this be matched by the US and the Jewish world, who also had a role in the slave trade, he said.

Farrakhan blamed the American government for social ills involving guns and drugs, saying this is "a nation that hates our multiplication so much that they will bring guns in, drugs in."

"The UN must take up the plight of black people in America or they will be the victims of genocide," Farrakhan said, drawing cheers from the crowd, who could also watch him speak on monitors from numerous intersections near the UN.

The US is investing in war, Farrakhan said, and to increase arms sales, the US "will stimulate trouble between two neighbors." He castigated Saudi Arabia for buying American arms. Although the Saudis are "my brothers and sisters," he said, "I have to rebuke you when you are wrong. You're wrong."

The fiery minister said he was "asking all leaders of the Moslem world to cease all acts of terror."

But, in what Foxman called a "throwback to the 1960s," Farrakhan called for the UN, which created Israel, to enhance the role of self-determination for the Palestinians.

Having said, "We are on the brink of Armageddon. Can the UN avert the war of Armageddon?" Farrakhan called, toward the end of his speech, for justice for the Palestinians, saying this was the way to prevent Armageddon.

Weizman postpones visit to Jordan

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman has postponed until next week a visit to Jordan that had been tentatively scheduled for today.

Jordanian Ambassador Omar Rifai suggested yesterday that Weizman take up the offer to visit Amman today, which was made by King Hussein during their conversation last week. But Weizman phoned Hussein and suggested that they get together later, at a yet unspecified date.

The king reportedly responded with understanding.

The reason for the delay is believed to be connected with the lack of progress in the talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Weizman had a successful meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo on Monday to give the process momentum, and last week received PA leader Yasser Arafat at his Caesarea home.

The decision to postpone the Amman visit was taken by Weizman and the Prime Minister's Office was informed, Beit Hanassi reported.

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Jaffee Center head warns of putsch danger

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE growing lack of confidence between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government and the IDF command is reaching crisis levels, raising the still slim chance the army could attempt a putsch, a leading strategic analyst said yesterday.

"There is a lot of mistrust now," Ze'ev Maoz, head of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, said in a telephone interview. "There have been disagreements in the past, but they focused on important issues. Now the military elite is suspected of having sold out to the previous government, so its assessments may be viewed as emerging out of a hidden agenda.

"There is a lack of convergence in concepts of the severity of our international situation. The political echelon has been operating under a sense of optimism that the military elite believes has no foundation," Maoz said.

"The military has no opportunity to play the political game to change the situation, therefore the likelihood of a putsch – an illegal action – becomes more and more attractive," Maoz said.

While Maoz believes that the prospects for an actual military revolt are remote, it is no longer *impossible*.

"The idea looks unrealistic, but the assassination of a prime minister also appeared unrealistic until a year ago," Maoz said.

But politicians and generals dismissed the theory as far-fetched. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak laughed off the report. Labor MK Ori Orr, a former deputy defense minister and a retired general, rejected Maoz's theory outright.

"The IDF is a citizens' army. It reflects the state. It is so intertwined with the public that [a putsch] couldn't happen," Orr said on Channel 1.

MK Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet), also a former general, agreed. "Even if all the senior commanders were of one mind, the soldiers would not necessarily follow," he said.

Still, Maoz's comments came amidst growing evidence of unease in Netanyahu's government. Netanyahu, whose cabinet includes four former generals, has attempted to scale down the traditional communication with the IDF top brass, and unlike Yitzhak Rabin, has kept them from his inner circle.

Maoz hinted that Netanyahu's attempt to distance himself from the army has even caused a rift with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Mordechai has made great efforts to overcome personal animosities and has developed a good working relationship with the General Staff. He was notified of the decision to open the *Hasmonean Tunnel* only five minutes before it was done, and the first thing he did was tell Shahak.

Earlier this week, Mordechai's media adviser issued a statement flatly denying reports of tension between him and Netanyahu, saying there was a "reciprocal esteem" between them.

Following the violence in the territories late last month, reports surfaced that Shahak had threatened to resign because he lacked confidence in the country's leadership.

The report was categorically denied by the IDF Spokesman, but military sources said later that Shahak was frustrated that army advice appeared to be falling on deaf ears.

In a bizarre incident, the army acknowledged yesterday that hundreds of soldiers attending a memorial ceremony for the Armored Corps at Latrun last Thursday were disarmed because Netanyahu was attending.

Prior to Netanyahu's arrival, General Security Service agents instructed the troops to leave their weapons on their buses.

"[This] was an act showing distrust in the army," Labor MK Haggai Merom told Israel Radio, after soldiers complained to him.



Members of the Palestinian Authority Legislative Council enter the Knesset yesterday. (Gil Reuben/Scoop 80)

PA legislators, Victims of Arab Terror confront each other in Knesset

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset plunged into pandemonium yesterday as nine members of the Palestinian Authority's Legislative Council sat on one side of the visitors' gallery, invited by the Hadash faction, while on the opposite side sat bereaved parents and members of Victims of Arab Terror, the guests of Moledet MK Benny Elon.

The two groups were separated by a large number of Knesset guards, while tension exploded on the floor below. The epithets started just before the Palestinian delegation arrived, as Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi was answering a motion to the agenda by Elon calling for a commission of inquiry into why the previous government gave the Palestinians guns. Hanegbi said flippantly that the proposal could be broadened to include other matters, at which point Dalia Itzik (Labor) called out, "Such as who killed Yitzhak Rabin."

Her call was picked up by Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, causing Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi respond, "A provocateur of the General Security Service." Zvi Handel (National Religious Party) nodded his approval of Ze'evi's retort.

A general uproar followed with MKs from the left accusing Handel and Ze'evi of saying the GSS had killed Rabin. The chaos was fueled further when Hanegbi accused the left of turning every debate into a "reconstructed and recycled" argument on Rabin's death.

Ze'evi was visibly upset by the arrival of the Palestinians. As they entered, he shouted, "Murderers have come in! Murderers have come in!"

When Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party) called Ze'evi "a fascist," Speaker Dan Tichon ordered him to leave the plenum. He was closely followed by Avi Yehezkel (Labor), who loudly exclaimed that Tichon "had short a short fuse" and "should take a valium before chairing a session." As he left, Yehezkel called: "You're the first political Speaker."

However, the next MK to be removed was Ze'evi, for pointing and exclaiming: "Are the murderers going to carry on sitting there?"

The next disturbance came from the visitors' gallery, when VAT head Shifra Hoffman was asked to leave. She was escorted out saying loudly, "This isn't the Land of Israel. It's the Land of Ishmael."

Darawshe was allowed to return to respond to the motion, which he did in Arabic, providing a rough translation in Hebrew.

This inspired Elon to announce, "I hope the translation isn't like [PA Chairman Yasser] Arafat's when he says 'jihad' in Arabic and 'peace' in English."

Later Hanegbi raised some eyebrows when he said: "I'm happy that representatives of the Palestinian Authority are here for this debate."

Pini Badash (Tsomet) responded: "You're replacing Shulamit Aloni."

Hanegbi also clarified certain red lines for the "majority in the House," saying no to the division of Jerusalem; no to the transfer of 160,000 Jewish settlers from Judea and Samaria; and "no to the creation of a Palestinian state armed to the teeth."

Palestinian Council members get mixed response

LIAT COLLINS

WHEN nine members of the Palestinian Legislative Council posed for a picture on the steps of the Knesset yesterday, it was clear their visit was going to generate mixed feelings in the House.

The nine were guests of the Hadash faction and met with MKs from Meretz, the Democratic Arab Party, and Labor. The sole Likud MK to meet them, former deputy General Security Service head Gideon Ezra, noted that he knew some of the delegation from their days as security prisoners.

The most prominent member of the group, Marwan Barghouti, Fatah general secretary in the West Bank, said he hoped that relations could develop between the MKs and the council members "as befits two parliaments."

He denied the visit could be perceived as recognizing Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem and said rather that "it is a sign the Knesset recognizes us."

He added that he hoped to meet with parties from the right "within another few weeks."

Deputy Speaker Shevah Weiss (Labor) met the delegation, but Speaker Dan Tichon pointedly avoided speaking to it.

"There is nothing more important than contacts between public figures," Weiss said, adding that since the council was democratically elected he had no problem with the visit.

Ezra also saw no reason to boycott the visit.

"There are meetings in Taba, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem. Why shouldn't there be a meeting in the Knesset?" he asked.

In his address to the Palestinians, however, Ezra's tone was tougher. He said more Likud MKs would have met with them had it not been for the bloodshed last month.

"I expect you to denounce the violence," he told the Palestinians. "The security situation is not the same for Arabs and Jews. The Arab who lives alone with his family on a hilltop does not have to fear attack, but the Jew who lives on a hilltop has to surround himself with guards, and now fears the Palestinian Police, too."

This sparked remarks by Arab MKs who said the settlers should move to the Galilee, the Negev, and Tel Aviv.

Ezra also called on the council members to stop talking about establishing a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

"Those are subjects for the permanent arrangements; let's first deal with Hebron," he said.

His words, however, were ignored by both the guests and most of the MKs who met with them, who spent a great deal of time discussing a Palestinian state.

Council member Fares Kadura attacked the government for not abiding by the Oslo accords, called for a freeze on settlements, and demanded the release of Palestinian security prisoners.

Delal Salemeh said she was excited to be in the Knesset.

"I couldn't have imagined it a few years ago," she said. "But I think it is a good. We must communicate with friends on the Israeli side."

A delegation of French parliamentarians who happened to be visiting the Knesset at the same time, also met with the Palestinians. Francis Wurtz, from the Communist Party, called the gathering "a sign of hope for the future."

But there were some who could not forget the past.

Bereaved parents of terror victims gathered outside the visitors' gallery waiting for the council members to arrive.

"I'm here because I want to see what my son's murderers look like," said Leah Mendelsohn, whose son, Yair Yehiel, was gunned downed near Ramallah seven years ago.

Clutching her son's picture, she kept repeating: "I want to see another country that would act like this. They have blood on their hands. They're murderers."

Call to let settlers fill empty apartments

LIAT COLLINS

YISRAEL Ba'aliya and the National Religious Party are calling on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to immediately allow the 3,000 empty apartments in Judea and Samaria to be occupied. The demand was made at a meeting between the two factions.

Among the other issues addressed at the meeting, which the NRP initiated, were secular-religious relations; the cultural and religious absorption of immigrants; and government policy.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky emphasized the importance he places on tradition and Jewish history, while opposing religious coercion.

"Today there are some 700 non-kosher stores which have been opened by new immigrants, and I say it would be very bad to close them. Most of the new immigrants aren't religious, but aren't anti-religious. Closing these stores would pull them into the fight against religion. Coercion is not effective. It harms attitudes towards religion," he said.

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy said the NRP also opposes coercion.

Absorption minister Yuli Edelstein asked for help in solving matters regarding personal status issues, such as conversion and marriage, which are determined by the Chief Rabbinate and religious councils. He praised the rabbinate's efforts in solving the problem of non-religious burials.

Baltimore Jews boost coexistence in Galilee

DAVID RUDGE

A NEW project in the Misgav region of the Galilee is helping to improve Jewish-Arab coexistence and promote tourism in the area.

The "neighbors" scheme was established a year ago by the Makom Bagalil educational-tourism center at Moshav Shorashim in conjunction with neighboring Sakhnin.

"Relations between Jews and Arabs are very complex, but we believe that peace begins at home," said Rabbi Marc Rosenstein, director of the center.

"The aim of this project is to help create better understanding between Jewish and Arab residents of the region and establish a sense of economic partnership, while promoting and developing tourism."

In the project, high school students from Sakhnin, who have taken a special course at the center, take groups of visitors on guided walking tours of their village and host them afterward at their homes.

The tours include a visit to the memorial to the first Land Day demonstrations in 1976, when Israeli-Arabs protested against expropriations, and to a mosque and a church and the tomb of the talmudic sage Joshua of Sakhnin.

Rosenstein said that more than 3,000 foreign visitors, mainly teenage Israel experience groups from Jewish communities abroad, had already participated in the tour.

Yesterday, a group of nearly 70 visitors from Baltimore, which under the United Jewish Appeal's Partnership 2000 plan is twinned with Karmiel and Misgav, visited Sakhnin.

"The people in Sakhnin were very hospitable and were very nice to us at their house," said Morton Plant, head of the Baltimore community mission.

"We did manage to get a feel of the place, but I wish there had been more time for us to learn more. I think this is a great idea." One of the guides, Wadia Elias, 16, whose family is among the Christian minority in the predominantly Moslem town, said the project had helped him and Sakhnin itself.

"I asked my teachers and they said my English had improved a great deal since I started to participate in this project. It also contributes a great deal to Jewish-Arab coexistence, while helping to bring tourists to the town," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four killed in road accidents

Four people were killed and five injured, two seriously, in four road accidents yesterday, three of which involved trucks.

A man was killed and three people hurt when a truck swerved out of its lane on the Ma'aleh Adumim-Jerusalem road, and plowed into two cars that had stopped on the shoulder following a minor accident between them. The truck was apparently overloaded and the 26-year-old driver did not have a license for that type of truck, police said. A man was killed and two people seriously injured when two cars collided on the Modi'in-Beit Horon road. A two-year-old girl was killed in Kafr Yassif in the Western Galilee, when a truck backed into her as she was riding her tricycle in front of the local supermarket. A woman was killed in Tamra, when a truck hit her and fled the scene. *Itim*

Man stabbed in Old City

A Jewish man was stabbed in the shoulder and lightly wounded yesterday evening in Jerusalem's Old City. He said that two youths, who appeared to be 16 or 17 years old, attacked him and then disappeared. The man made his way to the security station by the Western Wall, where he was given first aid. *Itim*

Arab sector to strike today

Fifty-four Arab local authorities have called a 24-hour strike for today, to protest a Housing Ministry report which calls for an emergency plan to settle Jews in the Galilee, to prevent the Arabs there from becoming a majority. Arab leaders are also demanding that the local authorities' NIS 380 million deficit be covered and additional funds be allocated. *Itim*

Life stinks in the Knesset

A Knesset plenum debate was interrupted yesterday to discuss the fishy smell pervading the room. Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) declared the smell "intolerable." Speaker Dan Tichon attributed the problem to a breakdown in the air conditioning system and the ongoing renovation work in the new kitchens. Apparently President Ezer Weizman had also complained of strange smells during his visit on Tuesday. Tichon apologized, "not so much to the MKs, but to their wives, who'll ask what fish restaurant you've you been in when you come home today." *Liat Collins*

Sneh launches bid for Labor leadership

MICHAL YUDELMAN

MK Efraim Sneh launched his campaign for the Labor Party leadership at a large gathering at Ramat Efal last night.

Speaking to hundreds of supporters, Sneh promised he is not "Bibi-compatible," in what was taken as a barb at his rival, MK Ehud Barak, more than a criticism of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Those invited to the gathering included party members and MKs associated with other camps.

"Anyone who wants a Bibi-compatible need not support me, because I'm not going to be anything like him.

"Some people think that to defeat Bibi, one has to be like him. But I hear from more and more people that the nation is fed up with the Bibi model. It's a model of arrogance, of single rule. We need a leader who will be the captain of a team," Sneh said.

He said he wanted to lead a party which "is neither Meretz nor a second Likud, a party united on a clear, central, Rabin line."

Sneh warned that Labor is in danger of falling apart if it doesn't choose the right leadership, and demanded that the leadership election be held next summer, as scheduled.

Barak and MK Uzi Baram also want the internal election held soon, as opposed to Shimon Peres's camp, which wants to postpone it for as long as possible.

Baram hasn't decided yet whether to run for leadership, while MK Haim Ramon says he will make up his mind only after the party convention in March.

Olmert: I won't hesitate to demolish illegal buildings

BILL HUTMAN

PALESTINIANS have illegally built thousands of homes in Jerusalem, some of them with the Palestinian Authority's encouragement, "in a flagrant challenge to Israel's rule in the city," Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday.

"We have no choice to but take action against those people who build illegally," Olmert said. "There is nothing political about our position. We are simply enforcing the law."

Speaking to reporters during a tour of the city with Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Olmert warned that the municipality would not hesitate to demolish illegally built homes, despite the international outcry such action has sparked in the past.

"We have files on thousands of homes built without permits, hundreds of these cases are now in the courts, and as the legal process is completed, we will carry out the demolitions," Olmert said. "We know of cases in which the Palestinian Authority has paid people to build homes without permits, in flagrant challenge to Israel's rule in the city."

The issue of illegal construction was raised on the tour, as Shahak was shown where Palestinian homes, some built in violation of zoning laws, stood in the way of roads being planned by City Hall. Shahak, who was taken on the tour because some of the proposed roads pass through the administered territories, which are under his authority, declined to answer questions.

Much of the tour centered on the proposed eastern Jerusalem beltway, which the municipality has been pushing for several years. City planners said construction of the highway would mean demolishing some 40 Palestinian homes.

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Boy doing well after rare transplant of umbilical-cord blood

JUDY SIEGEL

AN 11-year-old Jerusalem boy suffering from the rare disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) – made famous by the film *Lorenzo's Oil* – has become the first Israeli patient to undergo a transplant of umbilical-cord blood from a non-related donor.

The blood, flown here frozen from the New York Blood Center, was transfused a month ago into Yonatan Davis of East Talpiot. He is recovering at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem.

ALD, which occurs in one out of a million people, affects only boys. It causes the wasting away of the adrenal glands and widespread loss of a cell structure in the brain (cerebral demyelinization).

Unless it can be halted, the result is progressive mental decay, loss of speech or understanding and blindness. There are about half a dozen cases in Israel.

The Davis family immigrated here from South Africa 10 years ago. Yonatan Davis was healthy until the age of nine, when doctors noted he had adrenal insufficiency.

ALD was diagnosed by his pediatrician, and he was given "Lorenzo's oil" to keep in check the level of fatty acids in his blood.

Even though he has yet to suffer from any major symptoms, Hadassah doctors urged a bone-marrow transplant in the hip or an infusion of compatible umbilical-cord blood after his immune system was to be weakened by radiotherapy.

The umbilical blood contains stem cells, which induce the body to produce the substance necessary for proper adrenal functioning.

Since there was no match in the Davis family and or among the 100 frozen samples at Hadassah's national umbilical-cord blood bank, its director, Dr. Amon Nagler, sought a perfect match abroad.

One was found in New York, where 10,000 samples are stored. Kupat Holim Meuhedet fully covered the $20,000 in expenses for the blood and a courier to bring it.

Nagler said yesterday that Davis, due to be discharged next week, was doing well.

Only 250 umbilical-cord blood transplants have occurred around the world, and fewer than four dozen involved unrelated donors.



Maccabi health fund director Shabtai Shavit delivers petitions demanding a change in the National Health Law to the Knesset yesterday. (Yitzhak Elharar/Scoop 80)

Thousands petition MKs against health law

JUDY SIEGEL

IN an unprecedented demonstration, Maccabi health fund director Shabtai Shavit brought 58,744 petitions demanding that the National Health Insurance Law be radically changed to the Knesset yesterday.

Shavit, a former head of the Mossad, said the crates of paper represented 200,000 families. Shavit recently launched a much-publicized campaign, assisted by the Gitam/BBDO public relations company, to get the government to revamp the law, which went into effect nearly two years ago.

Any Maccabi member who went into a health fund branch in recent weeks has been asked (but not forced) to sign a petition. Members chose which MKs to address them to and, in the end, all 120 MKs received a box of petitions.

Maccabi's financial situation has suffered due to the law, which gives an extra share in health taxes to insurers with elderly members.

Being an insurer mostly of young families and individuals, Maccabi lost out compared to Kupat Holim Clalit and, less so, to the Leumit health fund.

Although residents can choose freely among health funds, the insurers cannot offer lower prices and have to follow the dictates of the government, which in effect "nationalized" the health system, Shavit charges.

The Meuhedet health fund did not join Maccabi in yesterday's protest.

However, a spokeswoman said that it fully identifies with Shavit's action and has helped organize the sending of postcards to MKs in the past.

"We didn't join this petition effort because we don't have the necessary advertising budget," she said.

The Leumit health fund spokesman said it also supports the changes recommended by Shavit, but disapproved of the tactics.

"We are assertive but not aggressive," the spokesman said. "Our director-general constantly sends telegrams and letters to the ministers of health and finance, demanding changes in the law. But bringing crates of petitions to the Knesset is not a proper way to bring about changes."

Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi himself has said the law requires important revisions, mainly due to the more than NIS 1 billion shortfall in health taxes and the need for regularly updating the basket of health services.

Cheeseburgers may disappear from the TV menu

GREER FAY CASHMAN

SEXUALLY suggestive commercials on Channel 2 have raised the ire of feminists, various women's organizations and a few religious groups, but by and large they remain on the air.

However, the cheeseburgers which the religious community finds offensive may disappear from the television menu.

Channel 2's Commercials Committee has recommended that the commercials for McDonald's cheeseburgers be banned from the screen following a string of complaints from the religious community.

The most active opposition to the cheeseburger commercials has come from Haim Falk, chairman of the National Religious Party's Young Guard. Noting that cheeseburgers directly contravene Jewish dietary laws, Falk has taken his complaints to the chief rabbis and to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who has parliamentary responsibility for Channel 2.

McDonald's spokeswoman in Israel, Irina Shalmor, has released a statement saying that all hamburgers sold in McDonald's 30 branches here are made from kosher meat and that three of the branches are fully kosher.

The management of the hamburger chain, according to the statement, will do all within its power and all that the law allows it to do to prevent special interest groups from meddling in its business.

Another staff member noted yesterday that no complaint had been filed with McDonald's and the company learned about the problem only from media reports.

The source also pointed out that the Channel 2 Commercials Committee "has not made a decision, it has only made a recommendation."

Organ donor saves five lives

JUDY SIEGEL

SIX organs were transplanted yesterday into five patients in four hospitals around the country. All the recipients were doing well.

The donor of all the organs was a woman in her 40s from the center of the country who died at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.

A 65-year-old Beersheba man with a terminal coronary condition received the heart after waiting for a donor organ for a year. The operation was performed at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and was its 34th heart transplant.

A 47-year-old man from a village in the Galilee Triangle received a lung at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer.

A 43-year-old Tel Aviv resident who underwent a failed liver transplant in Paris several weeks ago received a second liver. Even though it was a repeated operation, the surgery took only seven hours and the liver soon began to function.

At Ichilov, a kidney and pancreas were transplanted into a 37-year-old father of three from Haifa who suffered from juvenile-onset diabetes.

Also at Ichilov, a 37-year-old mother of three who has been on dialysis due to complications of kidney stones, received a kidney.

A patient due to receive the donor's other lung died from hemorrhaging while being prepared for the surgery in Jerusalem.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bill to bring Israeli convicts home

The Knesset Law Committee has approved a bill allowing Israeli prisoners abroad to serve their sentences in Israel, and foreign prisoners here to serve out their terms in their own countries.

The bill, which will now be sent to the plenum for a second and third reading, essentially adds Israel to the European Convention on this subject, which already includes 33 countries.

There are 162 Israelis known to be serving prison sentences abroad, but the real number is probably much higher, as many prisoners do not inform the Israeli consulate. *Evelyn Gordon*

MK decries detainees' conditions

People who try to come to Israel but are stopped at the borders are held in appallingly crowded and dirty conditions, sometimes for months, Knesset State Control Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) charged yesterday.

Cohen, who recently toured the installations, said it is inconceivable that people who have never been accused of any crime should be treated in this way, and demanded that the government provide decent conditions for detainees.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Eli Suissa told the committee that a ministerial committee is considering a number of ideas to reduce the lines at Ben-Gurion Airport, including having separate lines at passport control for Israelis and tourists. *Evelyn Gordon*

Gauguin, others at Israel Museum

A superb loan show of 120 paintings, drawings and prints by Paul Gauguin, Emil Bernard, Maurice Denis, Paul Serusier and 16 others painters of the Pont-Aven group went on view at the Israel Museum yesterday.

The Pont-Aven paintings by the above quartet are among the precursors of modern art. The exhibition, lent by an anonymous collector, will be on display for three months and is accompanied by an excellent English catalog. *Meir Ronnen*

Paprika researchers win prize

Israel produces 40 percent of the world's paprika, it was announced yesterday, at a ceremony awarding the Kaplan Prize for Agriculture to three Vulcani Institute researchers for developing improved strains of paprika that grow tall enough to be harvested by a combine, rather than by hand.

Last year, paprika exports totaled $13 million. There is a greater demand for Israeli paprika than local farmers can supply, and the local version competes successfully with the famous Hungarian paprika. *Itim*

Messianic Jews plan forest near Ariel

HAIM SHAPIRO

A GROUP of American messianic Jews is planning to plant a forest near Ariel, according to the group's newsletter.

The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America (MCAA) said in a recent news brief that it has raised funds to plant almost 7,000 trees, and needs to pay for only 3,000 more to plant a forest. In the lead article, MCAA General-Secretary Joel Chernoff establishes a link between the tree planting and the messianic group's beliefs.

"These forests are not only a blessing to our Jewish brothers and sisters in Ariel right now, but will bless Yeshua when He returns," Chernoff writes.

He also says that he has spoken often with the leaders of Ariel.

"I have many times shared with them our deep appreciation and loving concern for the hard work they have invested in settling Judea and Samaria, despite having little encouragement from outside of Israel," Chernoff says in the article.

This is not the first attempt by messianic Jews to plant a forest in Israel. An earlier attempt was made to establish a forest through the Jewish National Fund. However, according to JNF spokesperson Bonnie Alexandroni, the project raised so much opposition in the US that it was cancelled there, before the proposal even reached Israel. The Ariel project would have no connection with the UJA, Alexandroni said, because the UJA does not plant trees beyond the Green Line.

Yad LeAchim, a haredi anti-missionary organization, has written to National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Ariel Mayor Ron Nachman calling on them to cancel the project and saying that the MCAA is a missionary group which would utilize a sign saying that a forest had been planted by messianic Jews to achieve validity among Jews.

The Ariel spokesperson said yesterday that she knew nothing about the project.

Man held in murder of former roommate

RAINE MARCUS

A 19-YEAR-OLD man, the former roommate of 61-year-old Shmuel Olitzky, a civil servant who was brutally murdered and whose body was found in his Tel Aviv apartment several days later, was remanded for five days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Olitzky's body was found on Monday night in the bathroom of his Dizengoff St. apartment. Police said he was a known homosexual and may have even advertised for the services of young men in the local newspapers.

Over the past few years, several homosexuals have been murdered for sexual or financial motives. Some murders have been solved, others still remain a mystery.

Yossi Friedman was arrested on Tuesday after police learned that the deceased had filed complaints against him for violent acts. Items belonging to Friedman were found in Olitzky's apartment. Yesterday police asked for the maximum 15-day remand, but Judge Ziva Herman detained Friedman for five days.

Friedman presented an alibi to the court and said that Olitzky habitually invited men to his apartment to conduct sexual relations with them, thus indicating that the victim could have been killed by one of several people.

Bill would establish national fire brigade

EVELYN GORDON

THE Interior Ministry is preparing a bill to replace municipal fire services with a national fire service, in the hopes of improving the quality of firefighting in Israel, Interior Minister Eli Suissa told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

The bill would involve transferring responsibility for the Fire Services from the Interior Ministry to the Internal Security Ministry.

Regarding the recent Jerusalem Corridor fire, Suissa recommended cutting down some of the area's forests in order to prevent a repeat, since the trees act as fuel for any fire.

In place of the trees that would be cut down, Suissa said, less inflammable strains of trees should be planted. However, even these should be far from the population centers, he added.

Deputy Fire and Rescue Services Commissioner Shimon Ben-Ner said another reason the Jerusalem Corridor is a fire hazard is the amount of low-quality or illegal buildings, in particular industrial plants that deal in flammable materials. The local authorities do not close such plants, even when they are built without a license, Ben-Ner said, and this increases the danger in the event of a fire.

Ben-Ner also said the Fire Services have prepared various plans to correct the problems pointed out by State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat, but lack funds with which to implement them.

Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) asked Suissa to speed up the legislation creating a national fire service as much as possible.

He also asked all the parties involved to report to the committee within a month on what they have done to improve the situation in the wake the Jerusalem Corridor fire.

Jerusalem police raid seven casinos

JERUSALEM police and Income Tax Authority investigators raided seven casinos in the city early yesterday morning, arresting 27 people and confiscating roulette wheels, chips, cash, and other items.

The casinos, which were located in the center of town and in the Talpiot industrial zone, earn hundreds of thousands of dollars a month. Some of the casinos had been operating for several weeks and others for several months. *(Itim)*

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Lebed denies plotting to take power in Russia

MOSCOW (Reuter) – Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, stepping up the war of words against his main political rival, yesterday accused security chief Alexander Lebed of plotting to use force to seize power in Russia.

"[Lebed] has decided to move ahead using force instead of waiting for the next presidential poll," Kulikov, Lebed's bitter political opponent, told a news conference.

"The question is what awaits Russia if Lebed comes to power through a creeping coup."

Lebed quickly dismissed the allegations and said he would sue Kulikov.

"There can be no talk of a mutiny," Lebed told Interfax news agency. Asked to explain Kulikov's charges, Lebed replied sarcastically: "The poor thing has got everything wrong."

Rumors of plots and potential coups d'etat are all too frequent in Russia, alarming nervous financial markets abroad.

Tanks have appeared in Moscow twice in just over five years, once in August 1991, when hardliners tried to oust Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and again in October 1993, when Russian President Boris Yeltsin tried to oust a new batch of hardliners holed up in the White House government building.

The RIA news agency, which is usually close to the Kremlin, said Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin had summoned intelligence chiefs and Russia's defense and interior ministers to a special meeting on today.

RIA said its sources had given no reason for the meeting and it was not clear if Lebed would attend. Chernomyrdin is in charge of coordinating the work of the so-called "power ministries" while Yeltsin prepares for heart surgery.

Lebed and Kulikov are involved in a fierce Kremlin power struggle which has worsened since Yeltsin revealed on September 5 that he planned to go under the knife.

"Lebed is actively using his authority as Security Council secretary to create power structures reporting personally to him," Kulikov said.

"We have information that he is planning to go on vacation soon to prepare to use force on a local level," he said without giving details, adding that he had passed all details of the Lebed's activities to Chernomyrdin.

Itar-Tass news agency, quoting Lebed's press office, said Yeltsin had not yet decided how to react to Lebed's request for two weeks leave of absence.

The head of the Kremlin medical center, meanwhile, said doctors will operate on Yeltsin's heart in mid-November, dismissing concern over a blood problem which he said had now been solved.

"The operation on President Boris Yeltsin's heart will be carried out as planned in the middle of November," Sergei Mironov was quoted as saying by Interfax.

Dismissing suggestions that the 65-year-old president had a blood problem which might rule out surgery, Mironov said: "There are no grounds for saying that Boris Yeltsin is inoperable."

Yeltsin was shown on television yesterday holding talks with Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko at the Barvikha sanatorium outside Moscow where he is preparing for the surgery.

His face appeared puffy, and he spoke slowly when greeting Lukashenko in the heavily-edited clip. But he was later shown raising his voice to make a point in his characteristically robust manner.

Lukashenko spoke to reporters after the 40-minute meeting but did not mention the Kremlin leader's health.

Afghan warlord holds talks with Taleban minister

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, Afghanistan – Afghanistan's powerful northern warlord Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum held peace talks with a Taleban government minister yesterday, Afghan sources said.

They said Dostum's meeting with Taleban's acting foreign minister Mullah Mohammad Ghaus was also attended by Pakistani Interior Minister Naseerullah Babar and Shi'ite Moslem Hezb-i-Wahdat faction leader Karim Khalili.

Taleban forces backed by armor, meanwhile, occupied the strategic Bagram highway junction north of Kabul and immediately drew a barrage of rocket fire from retreating troops of the ousted Kabul government, witnesses said.

Five people were killed and another 10 were wounded in fighting around the Bagram military airfield, hospital staff in Charikar said.

"The Taleban are in the junction and we are firing rockets at them from several positions," Mirabbudin Astana, an assistant to Ahmad Shah Masood, military chief of the ousted government, confirmed in Jabal os-Siraj late in the day.

Trucks carrying heavily armed troops loyal to Masood were seen speeding south towards Bagram junction along with several of his tanks in the late afternoon.

Charikar, which had been bustling in the morning, was a ghost-town by then, with virtually every shop shuttered and a large exodus of civilians in overcrowded vehicles and by foot.

The expected push south towards Kabul from the Bagram junction by Masood's forces has so far failed to materialize, and instead those troops have found themselves surprised by a Taleban advance north.

Unidentified warplanes, presumably Taleban, bombed strategically important Jabal os-Siraj for a second successive day, narrowly missing a command post from which Masood sometimes operates, witnesses said.

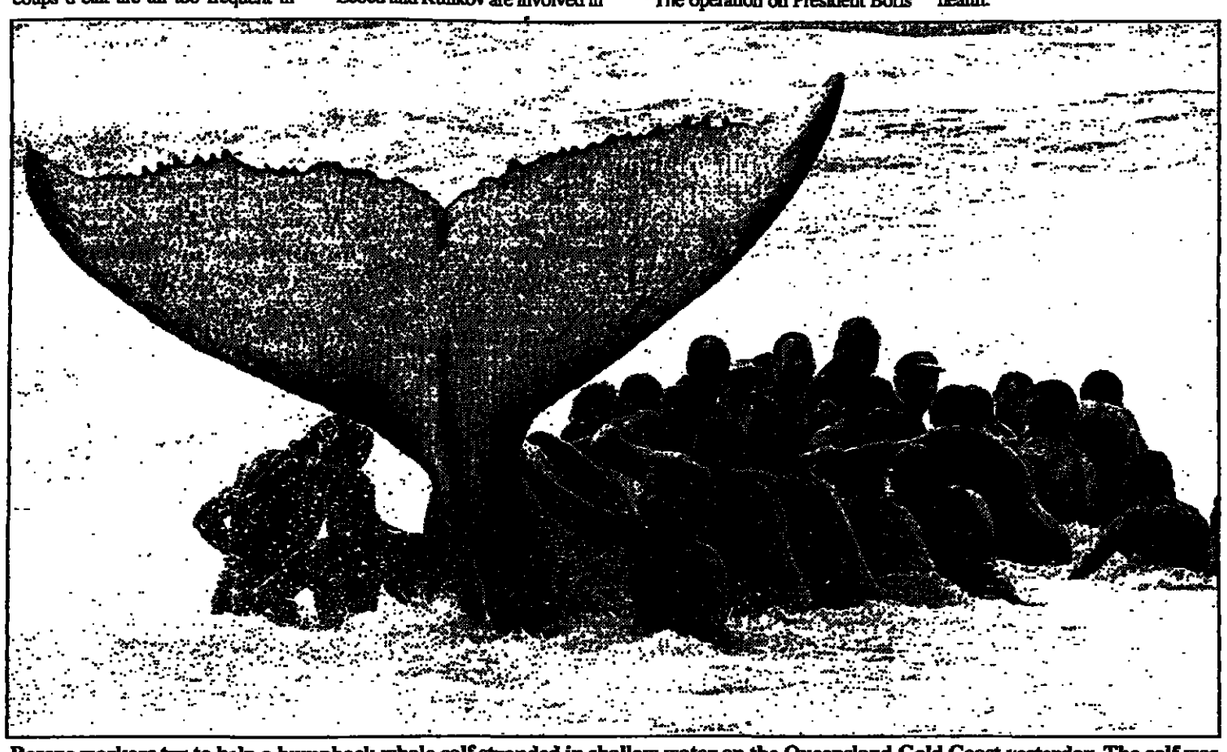
The sound of jets approaching triggered frantic anti-aircraft fire as truck-mounted guns around the area attempted to bring the attackers down. One bomb landed harmlessly in a field near Masood's command post and another damaged a house in the area.

Jabal os-Siraj sits 90 km. north of Kabul astride the main highway linking the capital to northern Afghanistan.

Masood's office yesterday issued an ultimatum to the Taleban, essentially warning them to withdraw from Kabul or face the consequences.

At the UN, Afghanistan's ousted government offered an immediate cease-fire with the Taleban if it evacuates Kabul and agrees to talks on a political settlement.

Speaking to the Security Council, the foreign minister of the Rabbani government, Abdul Rahim Ghafoorzai, claimed loyalist forces had reached the gates of Kabul but are holding back to avoid civilian casualties.



Rescue workers try to help a humpback whale calf stranded in shallow water on the Queensland Gold Coast yesterday. The calf was successfully towed out to deeper water after a seven-hour operation. It was dragged into shallow water after swimming into a shark net with its mother. (Reuter)

Britain announces sweeping gun ban

LONDON (Reuter) – Britain yesterday unveiled plans for some of the strictest gun laws in the world, banning the majority of handguns in response to the Dunblane massacre when a loner shot dead 16 young children and their teacher.

Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth told parliament the government would present legislation that would ban at least 80 percent of Britain's 200,000 legally held handguns. The only handguns Britons would be allowed are single-shot .22 caliber weapons, widely used in shooting competitions. They would have to be held under lock and key at gun clubs, which would have to meet stringent new security standards.

Interior Minister Michael Howard said the new regulations could become law before Christmas if other parties cooperated. "The country expects nothing less," he said.

Forsyth, whose own parliamentary constituency includes Dunblane, was presenting the findings of an inquiry into the massacre carried out by a senior judge, Lord Douglas Cullen.

Cullen had recommended more modest curbs, including a requirement to keep handguns at gun clubs and not at home.

But Prime Minister John Major, with a majority of just two in the 651-seat Commons, was advised that he risked defeat unless he went much further.

A petition organized by Dunblane parents for a total ban on handguns has collected 750,000 signatures and helped persuade the opposition Labor Party to back complete prohibition.

Police welcomed the announcement. "The gun lobby for too long have enjoyed the privilege of their 'sport,' whilst ignoring the vast majority of people's abhorrence of the sheer firepower of modern weapons," the Police Superintendents' Association said.

Iranian president meets Saddam's envoy

TEHERAN (Reuter) – Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani met an envoy of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein amid mounting tension over charges of Iranian intervention in northern Iraq, the official news agency IRNA said yesterday.

It said Rafsanjani received the unnamed envoy on Tuesday.

"The Iraqi envoy voiced Iraq's desire for good neighborly relations with Iran and for expansion of mutual relations. He also called for cooperation and exchange of views between the two countries on regional issues," IRNA said.

Rafsanjani "also underscored the importance of good neighborly relations between the two countries," IRNA added.

The visit, a rare event in the relation between the former war foes, came amid repeated Iraqi accusation of Iranian interference in Iraq's northern Kurdish areas.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Culture and Information Minister Hamed Youssef Hummadi accused Iran of meddling in northern Iraq and urged Teheran to steer away from fighting between rival Kurdish factions.

Iran has denied earlier charges by Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), that Iranian forces entered northern Iraq to help the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) retake a key city on Sunday.

Baghdad has said its intrusion in Kurdish northern Iraq in late August, which helped the KDP capture the Kurdish capital Arbil, was aimed at backing the KDP against the PUK and Iran.

The PUK, meanwhile said 6,000 of its fighters are gathering in the Barisan Valley 70 km. northeast of Arbil, near a strategic road into the city.

The group has wrested control of other main roads to Arbil, to the south and east, from the KDP.

"We have two roads going to Arbil and we are getting close to the third," senior PUK leader Kosrat Rassoul told Reuters.

He declined to say whether his forces would attack Arbil, a city of some 800,000 people.

Egypt says it killed militants who massacred Greek tourists in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuter) – Egyptian authorities said police yesterday shot dead four Moslem militants linked to the massacre of 18 Greek tourists outside a Cairo hotel earlier this year.

The Interior Ministry said one policeman was killed and another injured in the eight-hour gun battle with the al-Gama'a al-Islamiya militants in fields outside the southern village of Nazlet el-Badraman, about 240 km. south of Cairo.

The ministry's statement said police had chased the militants south, following a trail of bullets that matched those which killed the 18 Greeks outside the Europa Hotel in April.

The Gama'a claimed responsibility for the shooting at the time, saying it had mistaken them for a group of Israeli tourists.

"The cartridges used in several recent incidents in Minya matched the bullets used in the Europa incident and they also matched two submachine guns found earlier this year with another member of the group," the statement said.

"The [militants'] descriptions fit those given by the eyewitnesses at the Europa incident," it added.

Four gunmen and their driver carried out the April attack, by far the bloodiest by the Gama'a during its four-year-old struggle to overthrow the government and transform Egypt into a strict Islamic state.

Earlier, security sources in the south said two other policeman and a passer-by were also injured in the clash between the 400-strong police force and the militants.

The sources said Ismail Abdallah Ismail was among the militants shot dead and the ministry confirmed he was a leader of a southern faction of the Gama'a and wanted in connection with 22 attacks.

They said Ismail was a former policeman and the police force found a stolen police pistol, four automatic rifles, and other weapons while combing the fields after the battle. They also found a large amount of ammunition and several documents detailing the group's escape plans.

The sources said police had rushed to the fields early yesterday with two armored personnel carriers, after a tip-off that the militants were hiding there.

The gunmen saw them coming and hid in the palm trees, killing policeman Salamah Ghoneim and wounding the other two. The police then fired at the tree tops, sending the bodies of the four militants tumbling to the ground.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Swedish fighter crashes near Russian navy ship

STOCKHOLM (AP) – A Swedish military jet that was scouting one of Russia's most sophisticated naval vessels crashed into the Baltic Sea yesterday.

The crash occurred about 120 km. southeast of the Swedish island of Gotland, the Swedish military said. The fate of the pilot was not immediately known.

The plane crashed near the *Pyotr Veliky*, a nuclear-powered guided-missile cruiser, Swedish military spokesman Owe Wagermark told the Swedish news agency TT. The Russian navy said in a statement that the plane hit the water about 700 meters from the ship.

The jet, a Swedish-made Viggen, was a radar-equipped reconnaissance plane that was accompanying another plane photographing the ship, Wagermark said.

Ransom recovered, 5 held in German kidnap

WIESBADEN (Reuter) – German police have recovered DM 4 million in ransom money paid to the kidnappers of multi-millionaire Jakub Fiszmann and have arrested five people, prosecutors said yesterday.

But a spokesman for the prosecutors' office said it is not known whether the Frankfurt businessman, one of Germany's richest men, who was kidnapped on October 1, is still alive.

The spokesman said police had arrested three German men and two women in connection with the kidnapping. He said that despite searches there is still no indication as to where Fiszmann is.

The suspects, aged between 26 and 51, had in part confessed to the crime, prosecutor Reiner Schilling told a news conference. One of the women had worked on Fiszmann's property firm for 10 years.

Disputed Ulster parade set for Saturday

BELFAST (Reuter) – The mayor of Londonderry vowed yesterday to take part in a disputed Protestant march on Saturday, despite fears it might inflame sectarian tension.

Richard Dallas said he hoped to be in the Apprentice Boys parade around the walls of Northern Ireland's second city, which was rerouted in August when sectarian violence swept the province because of Protestant marches.

Police said they are considering a request by the Apprentice Boys group to hold their postponed march along the walls, which overlook the Roman Catholic, Irish nationalist Bogside area of the city.

Dallas, a member of the pro-British Ulster Unionist party, said he is confident the march would be permitted and doubted whether its organizers would hold talks with Bogside residents who want to discuss the route.

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Back to boots

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NOW that the rains have come, it's farewell to sandals and shoes made from vulnerable fabrics. It's back to boots and closed sturdy shoes – often with crepe or rubber tractor soles.

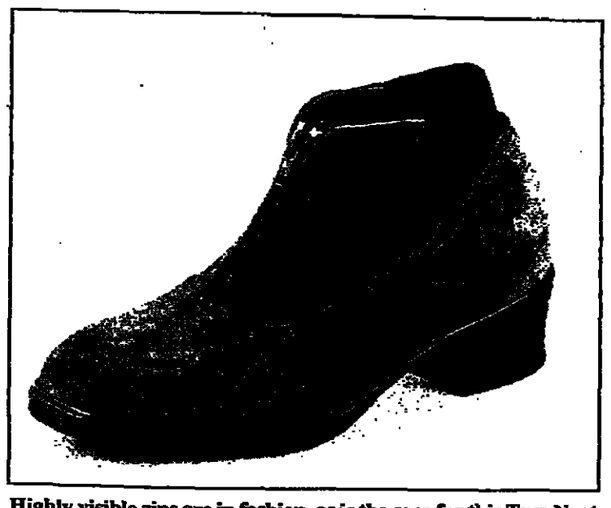
Non-slippery soles and heels are important in Israel at any time, since pavements in most parts of the country are far from user-friendly; but during the rainy season, it is doubly important to wear the kind of footwear which will help you to maintain your balance.

Many young people were wearing boots throughout the summer, so style-wise, there's not much change for them except that they might decide to swap their ankle and mid-calf boots for knee-highs.

More conservative people who wouldn't dream of wearing boots in summer regardless of what's in vogue, will find that the new season's boots are much lighter than what they've been used to. Boots that may look heavy are surprisingly weightless and very comfortable considering that many of the varieties now on the market have platform soles.

The granny-boot look with laces all the way is often a bit of a fake. The laces never need to be tied or untied because the boot has either a hidden zip or inserts of stretch fabric.

Highly visible zips are also in fashion as are buckles and cross straps, but few of the boots currently on display in local shops could be described as chic.



Highly visible zips are in fashion, as is the case for this Teva Naot gaiter-style shoe.

There's a strange perversity about wearing inelegant boots and shoes with classically elegant suits. But then again, elegance is in the eye of the beholder; and currently the beholder has many more choices than were available at the beginning of the decade.

Local manufacturers, such as Teva Naot, have to fight hard to compete with imports from France, Italy, Germany, Spain, England, the US, South America and more recently China, especially since prices of imports have become more affordable.

The most popular colors are black, navy blue and shades of brown and burgundy. Occasionally, one sees vibrant hues, but more often as trimming than as an all-over color.

Prices start at around NIS 169 per pair and move up to over NIS 2,000.

A guide to legal, illegal 'smuggling' at the border

CAVEAT EMPTOR!
RUTHIE BLUM

AS someone with an irrational fear of government bureaucrats in positions of power, I am perfect bait for airport officials. Trained like watchdogs to smell suspicious behavior, customs officers never let me by without interrogation, which on more than one occasion has led to my having to reveal the contents of my suitcases, before being shooed along with the rest of the innocent passengers.

But, am I technically "innocent"? According to the regulations specified in the *Customs Guide for the Traveler Returning From Abroad*, issued by the Office of Customs and VAT, I am somewhat of a smuggler. Apparently, however, even customs employees look the other way when the taxable items are not electric, electronic, or in unusually large quantities.

The following applies to residents of Israel returning from abroad after a stay of over two weeks and under two years:

If you plan on taking equipment such as a video camera, a fax machine, a lap-top computer, etc. with you on your trip abroad, contact the customs official in the departure area to receive a confirmation document. Upon your return to the country, go through the red lane (for passengers with goods to declare), and present the document to the customs clerk. Failure to undergo this procedure may lead to having to pay customs on such items after re-entering the country.

Duty-free goods beyond a certain limit are also taxable. Duty-free parcels will be labeled with either a green or a red sticker, indicating whether items must be declared or not. Furthermore, duty-free merchandise is taken into account when calculating the overall amount you are allowed to spend on goods ("gifts") while abroad.

Every passenger above the age of two is allowed up to $200 worth of "gifts," exempt from customs duty. Families may not "add up" the exemptions of each member to enable them to bring in an item costing over this amount. However, exemptions on what the guide refers to as "alcoholic cosmetics" (i.e. perfume and cologne) are separate, and any amount under ¼ liter is exempt, as are other toiletries, clothing (except for fur), and shoes of varying types and amounts which the customs clerks deem reasonable.

Within the $200 limit are included up to three kilos of food items, as long as the weight of each item does not exceed one kilo.

Every traveler aged 17 years and above is exempt from customs on up to one liter of hard liquor and up to two liters of wine, as well as up to 250 grams of tobacco, or 250 cigarettes.

Upon entering the country, you must decide whether to go through the red lane or the green. Going through the green lane does not guarantee that you won't end up having to pay customs. On the contrary, if you are caught with taxable items in the green lane, you will also have to pay a fine, or be arrested (depending on the goods and/or amount). Beware: even if you have a receipt for an item purchased abroad for under the $200 limit, you will still be required to pay customs if the price listed on the customs chart for the said item is higher than the amount you paid for it abroad.

If you are unsure about which lane to enter, you are supposed to go through the red and ask for assistance. At ports where the green/red system is not in effect, you must submit an affidavit to the customs official.

Items requiring permission from different government ministries prior to their entry into Israel are: animals (Ministry of Agriculture); fresh meat (Ministry of Agriculture); weapons (Ministry of the Interior); plants (Ministry of Agriculture); pharmaceuticals (Ministry of Health); broadcasting equipment (Ministry of Communications); Bezeq-related equipment – e.g. answering machines, faxes, modems, etc., (Ministry of Communications); and cellphones (Ministry of Communications).

Finally, the following items are forbidden altogether: counterfeit coins and documents; pin-ball machines; drugs; and publications which include pornographic material.

For further information, contact the Israel Customs Bureau in your area. To complain or to appeal, contact the ombudsman at the main office of Customs and VAT, Rehov Agron 32, Jerusalem; Tel.: (02) 670-3333; fax: (02) 625-8602.

You are invited to offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

Americans just keep getting fatter

FOR the first time, overweight people outnumber normal-size ones in the United States, according to the latest government statistics, released this week.

The reasons are not entirely clear. Katherine Flegal of the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Maryland, who outlined the data, said many small reductions in physical activity might be to blame.

She noted the development of the TV remote control, which keeps people planted on the couch all evening, and fear of crime, which gives them another reason to stay inside.

"It's just eating too much," contended Dr. Albert Stunkard of the University of Pennsylvania. "Physical activity hasn't increased enough to make up for it."

Whatever the reason, the latest figures show just how fat the country has gotten. US government guidelines suggest that people should keep their body mass indexes under 25. Anything more than that is too much.

Body mass index, or BMI, is quickly becoming the standard way of talking about obesity, since it is an easy way to compare the fatness of people of different heights. BMI is body weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared. A 163-cm. woman who weighs 65 kilograms has a BMI of 25.

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, conducted on 30,000 people between 1991 and 1994, shows that 59 percent of American men and 49 percent of women have BMIs over 25. Ten years earlier, 51 percent of men and 41 percent of women were this heavy.

Flegal presented the figures at a meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. "It's been clear for several years that Americans are getting fatter, and it's accelerating. That's troubling," said Dr. Tim Byers of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

People in their 50s are the fattest. The survey found that 73 percent of men and 64 percent of women this age have BMIs over 25. However, the survey also found overweight increasing among preteen children, too.

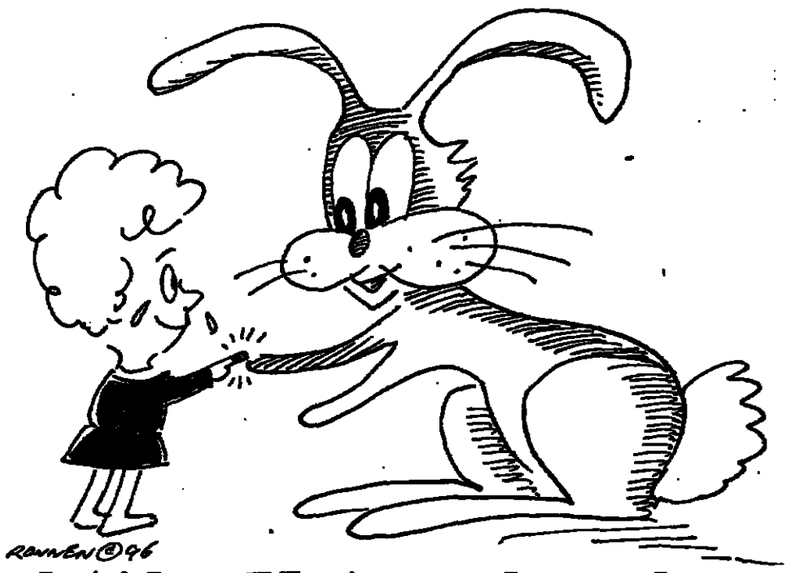
Extreme obesity is also becoming more common. The survey found 2 percent of men and 4 percent of women have BMIs over 40 – double the rate a decade ago. A 163-cm. woman with a BMI of 40 weighs 104 kilos.

While a BMI of 25 is probably not particularly bad, experts say significant health problems begin to emerge when BMIs hit 27. That's 70.3 kilos for the 163-cm. woman.

Flegal noted, however, that some weight-related health ills do not appear to be rising with Americans' increasing weights.

The survey shows that cholesterol levels are falling, and blood pressure appears to be holding steady or dropping slightly. On the other hand, the statistics suggest that diabetes, which is also closely related to weight, may be increasing.

While there is no universally accepted definition of obesity, some experts call it a BMI of 30 or more. This is 79.4 kilos for the 163-cm. woman. (AP)



Band-Aid at 75: A cut above the rest

IT'S a simple story: Man meets woman, woman suffers cut, man invents wildly successful medical product.

Billions of cuts and scrapes later, the Band-Aid is celebrating its 75th birthday.

According to Band-Aid lore, the adhesive bandage was created in 1920 by Earle E. Dickson, an employee at a Johnson and Johnson cotton mill in New Jersey.

Dickson had fretted as his wife, Josephine, cut herself again and again while working in the kitchen. One day while he was wrapping one of her wounds with a bulky bandage of gauze and tape, he was struck by an idea. He put some gauze on a strip of medical tape and the Band-Aid was born.

Johnson and Johnson began producing Band-Aids in 1921, but they were far from an instant success – they came in long strips that users had to cut themselves. But when the company began selling pre-cut Band-Aids in 1924, sales took off. "The Band-Aid is just one of these wonderful, simple, useful, inexpensive, effective inventions," said Dr. S. Michael Marcy, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on infectious diseases.

Doctors praise adhesive bandages for keeping wounds clean and providing a good environment for healing. They hold skin together, keep it moist, prevent it from cracking and provide padding for the wound, Marcy said.

Just one minor problem.

"If they could only figure out a way to make them easier to open," he said. "You always end up ... using your teeth or something." Not content with touting their medical benefits, Johnson and Johnson officials gleefully promote Band-Aids' usefulness in automotive repairs. They claim a man once used a Band-Aid to patch a leaky car radiator. Riley even tells the hard-to-believe story of a man using one to patch a flat tire until he could make it to a gas station.

Over the last 75 years, the company has sold about 205 billion bandages. Now there are water-resistant sports strips, flexible-fabric strips, extra-large bandages for big wounds and stretchy bandages that let knuckles bend.

To maintain a beachhead in the ruthlessly competitive children's market, Band-Aids come adorned with *Sesame Street* characters, glow-in-the-dark colors and colorful patterns. Competing brands tempt children with Bugs Bunny, the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and Disney characters.

"The child keeps the Band-Aid in place because he wants to keep looking at the picture, and for some reason it makes it hurt a little bit less," said Dr. Paula Prezioso, a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at New York University Medical Center. "I'm constantly amazed after giving an injection. When I put the Band-Aid on, the crying stops." After watching countless children crinkle their noses and turn away as he removes a Band-Aid to reveal a nasty-looking wound, Marcy has become convinced Band-Aids serve an important psychological function by masking an injury. (News agencies)

Hosting dinner parties keeps the stress level up

MANY Americans find hosting a dinner party at home as stressful as preparing income-tax returns or visiting the dentist, according to a poll released on Tuesday.

A Gallup organization survey showed that would-be dinner hosts particularly dislike the shopping, food preparation and planning for the event. The poll also said that many are insecure about their cooking skills.

When asked to compare the stress of preparing a dinner party: 34 percent of the participants found preparing taxes as stressful, 31 percent likened the stress to going to the dentist, and 20 percent said it was akin to having their mother-in-law visit for the weekend.

The poll measuring attitudes regarding entertaining friends at home was conducted on behalf of the maker of the dinner-party game *Stir Crazy!*

The survey showed 29 percent of respondents see pre-party work such as shopping as their least favorite part of hosting a dinner, while 21 percent regret preparing the food and 17 percent dread overall preparation.

Of the 1,000 adults surveyed, 54 percent said they just do not have enough time to pull off a great dinner party.

The respondents said that what they liked best about hosting a dinner party was having a good time with friends.

And as for the most important ingredient of a good dinner party: 31 percent said good guests, 26 percent cited good conversation and 20 percent said good food. (Reuter)

A green light to lovemaking

A revolutionary traffic-light system which tells couples when they can make love without the risk of pregnancy could make major inroads into the market for condoms and the pill, its makers claimed on Monday.

Unipath, part of Anglo-Dutch consumer giant Unilever, said its new Persona monitoring kit will tell women exactly when they risk getting pregnant, by testing the hormones contained in urine.

"The monitor will indicate a green light when a woman is free to make love without using a contraceptive and a red light on the days on which she is at risk of becoming pregnant," Unipath said.

The company claimed 95 percent reliability for the kit, about the same as for condoms but below the 99 to 100 percent security offered by the pill.

The £49.95 ($77.95) starter kit consists of a small hand-held monitor and 16 test sticks, which are used to build up a picture of a woman's individual cycle in the first month of use.

From then on it asks for only eight tests a month, with a yellow warning light showing when a test is needed. A month's supply of test sticks will cost just under £10.

British women will be the first to try the kit, which scientists have developed from Unipath's home fertility and pregnancy-testing kits Clearblue and Clearplan.

Franca Tranza, a spokeswoman for the family-planning agency Marie Stopes International, welcomed the development as widening the choices open to women. "But," she added, "it does not mean it will be suitable for everybody. If people are happy with the contraceptive they are using there is no reason to change." (Reuter)

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A first visit

YESTERDAY'S visit to the Knesset by nine members of the Palestinian Legislative Council was a welcome one in that it demonstrated the willingness of some leading West Bank Palestinian figures to continue to seek dialogue with Israelis. This is especially important following last month's violence, in which IDF soldiers were shot by members of the Palestinian Police.

There were a number of MKs, from Moledet and the NRP, who vociferously protested against the delegation's presence in the Knesset, precisely because the memory of the violence and the 15 soldiers killed is still fresh and painful. NRP MK Hanan Porat labeled the visit "an embarrassment." But these protests fell rather flat, given that the government, which includes the NRP, is feverishly negotiating with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and the commanders of the policemen who opened fire against the IDF.

Furthermore, attention should be paid to the composition of the Palestinian delegation. Several of them were individuals who have been striving to maintain some measure of independence against Arafat's heavy-handed rule in the Palestinian-controlled areas. Many Israelis tend to view the Palestinians as politically monolithic, but this is not the case. Maintaining lines of communication with authentic leaders from the territories who support more democratization and are concerned with human rights is an Israeli interest.

The multi-partisan welcome the Palestinian visitors received in the Knesset is also positive. They were officially invited by Hadash, but members of a number of other factions, including Meretz and Labor, joined in greeting them. The legislators were also hosted in the office of Knesset deputy speaker Shevah Weiss.

Most significant was Likud MK Gideon Ezra's participation in meetings with the Palestinian Council members. Ezra, who had a long career in the General Security Service prior to being elected to the Knesset, favors maintaining active lines of communication with the Palestinians.

If Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government does manage to eventually negotiate an agreement with the Palestinians on the future status of the territories, it will need to attain as broad a base of Knesset support as possible to implement it. Ezra could play a role in forging a consensus with some of Labor's MKs, especially with that wing of the Labor Party whose views regarding peace arrangements with the Palestinians are not very different from those held by what is being called the Likud's "pragmatic" wing.

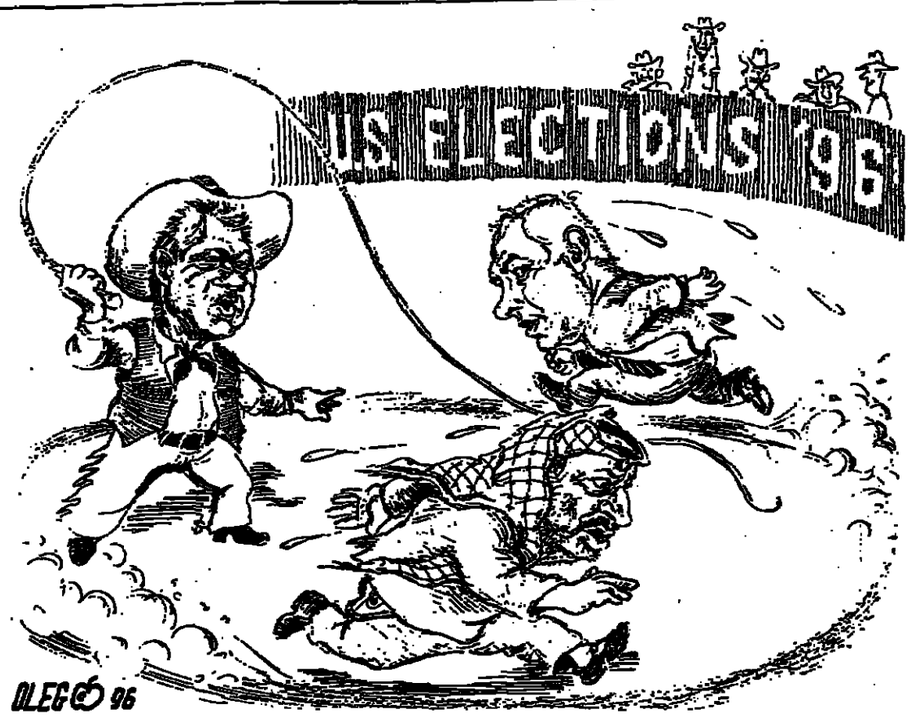
Marwan Barghouti, Fatah general secretary in the West Bank, said he hoped that relations could develop between the MKs and the council members "as befits two parliaments." But it must be remembered that the PA is far from being an exemplary democratic regime. The extent to which the PA has regularly violated democratic norms and human rights has dismayed even some of the most idealistic members of Israel's peace movements, who had believed that the Palestinians would prove to be the most democratic people in the Arab world. But the PA legislative council, which is meant to take active steps to safeguard democracy, has not lived up to its potential.

It is difficult to be surprised by this, however. The elections for the council in January were held in an atmosphere in which Palestinians who took positions opposed to Arafat's were intimidated. Systematic efforts were made by the PA prior to the elections to eliminate opposition to Arafat in the Palestinian press; the electronic media was already controlled by the regime. The newly elected council, which included members who had succeeded in overcoming this campaign against them, should have made correcting the lack of press freedom in the territories one of its first orders of business. But it chose to ignore the issue, and as a result the PA continues to interfere with the distribution of newspapers, threatens and intimidates journalists and human rights activists, and censors stories while dictating news coverage.

Recently, the PA banned the sale of a book written by Edward Said, a former member of the Palestinian National Council, which was critical of the Arafat regime. In any democratic society, the elected parliament would have immediately taken action against such a ban. The legislative council has not, and copies of Said's book have to be smuggled to the West Bank from Jerusalem.

Neither has the council done much to correct violations of many other basic rights. Detainees are often subject to harsh beatings by police, which have led to deaths in some cases. Suspects brought to trial before the State Security Courts are not granted a fair opportunity to defend themselves. A council session held last April to discuss police shootings of demonstrators at a university in Nablus quickly changed its agenda to discuss Israeli violations of the Oslo agreement.

Thus, while the goodwill expressed during yesterday's historic Knesset visit is surely positive, the Palestinian Legislative Council has a long way to go before it can hope to be considered a "parliament" on a par with that of Israel's. Perhaps a few more visits – during some of the more boisterous plenum sessions – will give the council members an idea of what democracy is about.



The ultimate idealist

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

IT'S curious that international personalities will snatch at a straw to demean Israel's good name, adopting the highest moral tone all the while.

This week a group of "do-gooders" led by British actress Susannah York and Nobel Peace Prize winner Joseph Rotblatt visited the country in a bid to free convicted traitor Mordechai Vanunu.

That Vanunu is in no way repentant was made clear by a note his well-wishers proudly waved aloft in which Vanunu boasted, "I am happy for what I revealed."

The fans' latest tool to help Vanunu get out are reports now emerging from Norway that the prisoner had been a prime candidate for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. Rotblatt had been one of the promoters of that idea.

The fan club studiedly avoids the issue of Vanunu's proven treachery, claiming that in betraying his country he was operating with the loftiest and most noble humanitarian objectives. They claim that the man who used to work at the Dimona nuclear installation was interested in only one thing: preventing nuclear war from ravaging the globe. They have fervently persuaded themselves that their man is the the century's ultimate idealist.

Perhaps there was a certain logic to Rotblatt's choice. If the distinguished gentlemen from Oslo were only too eager to press a peace prize into the willing hands of Yasser Arafat, a terrorist, why not give one to a traitor?

Let us recall the "idealism" of the man now serving 18 deserved years in prison. He betrayed the trust invested in him as an employee, sneaking around his workplace like a thief surreptitiously photographing the nuclear reactor.

He then fled to Australia where he became a Christian and used an agent to try and sell his stolen goods to the highest bidder. Traveling to London he tried to hawk his wares from one newspaper to another until the *Sunday Times* offered him 200,000 pounds sterling for his pirated booty.

A rival, the *Daily Mirror*, knowing how Vanunu had taken his pictures and clearly believing the dictum that a man who steals from a thief is not himself a thief, printed a story from material Vanunu had shown them.

The *Sunday Times* then published the entire document, complete with pictures, for the agreed price.

Did the "idealist" offer his check to some humanitarian cause, the Save the Children Fund perhaps? Not to our knowledge. Perhaps he was going to... but didn't have the time.

Unknown to him another Nobel Prize winner called Shimon Peres, then Israel's prime minister in a national unity government, was so outraged by Vanunu's act of treachery that he ordered the Mossad: "Go and get your man."

> If the gentlemen from Oslo were so eager to press a peace prize into Arafat's hands, why not give one to a traitor?

The Mossad rose nobly to the occasion. A woman agent code-named Cindy, in a brilliant act of detection, spotted Vanunu in London's Leicester Square and flashed a magical smile at him. As the two dined in the nearby Swiss Centre, Cindy invited Vanunu to fly with her to Italy.

Next minute Vanunu was using some of his *Sunday Times* money to buy a ticket for Rome. He then spent impatient hours holding Cindy's hand all the way to the Italian capital. Forgotten were his vows of faithfulness to a girl back in Australia who had fallen in love with him.

Alas for our hero, Rome wasn't to be a lover's paradise. As Vanunu stepped into Cindy's apartment he found himself set upon by a number of tough gentlemen. He awoke to find himself in an Israeli prison.

SENIOR intelligence officers claim Vanunu did Israel immense harm. Armed with his revelations, Egypt and other Arab countries have waged a ceaseless war of words against it, demanding that steps be taken to allow international inspection of the Jewish state's alleged nuclear arsenal that British experts, after studying the *Sunday Times* photographs, determined must contain some 200 weapons.

It was this revelation that gave the Syrians and other countries in the region like Egypt an excuse for building factories manufacturing gas and chemical warfare weapons. Their claim is that they need such armaments to counter Israel's capacity.

"Eighteen years in jail was too lenient a term for him," said one senior intelligence official of Vanunu. "The damage his betrayal caused Israel is beyond all measure."

Vanunu's supporters are clearly unmoved. His action will be particularly appreciated by another member of the visiting group – Daniel Ellsberg, who gained notoriety for leaking Pentagon defense papers to the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

Another ally of the group is Amnesty International who is demanding that Israel free Vanunu, or at least release him from solitary confinement.

Jumping on the do-gooders' bandwagon was a local, MK Dedi Zucker, who claimed that Israel must be the only country in the free world to keep a prisoner in solitary confinement for such a long time.

Has he never heard of Jonathan Pollard, sitting alone in his cell deep underground in the US? Pollard has been sentenced to a full life sentence for doing precisely what the Vanunu groupies claim their hero did.

Have the admirers of Vanunu ever thought of taking up arms against the scandalous way Pollard was treated by the US administration? True, Pollard didn't sell his information to the highest-bidding newspaper. He acted only after he saw how US secretary Casper Weinberger was cheating the Israelis by withholding vital security information that an agreement between the two countries specified Israel should have.

Neither Amnesty International nor the protesters in Israel this week have protested to the US over the cruel and unprecedented life sentence imposed on a man who was trying to preserve Israel because he was a Jew and felt it his duty to do so. Nobody in the US has ever been sent to prison for more than five years for spying for a friendly country.

We question the motives of the Vanunu groupies in trying to elevate a traitor into an international hero. We believe their agenda is tainted with more than a suspicion of anti-Israel bias, perhaps even anti-Jewish bias.

And in Ellsberg's case, there may be an attempt to justify his own concept of "honorable" conduct: handing over state secrets to newspapers.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service *and other books on the Middle East.*

Those words

LARRY DERFNER

THERE are some words and phrases in our political vocabulary that have been so abused in recent years that they just shouldn't be spoken or written anymore.

For example:

• Democracy. Everybody stands for it, especially bigots and theocrats. If a majority of people want to expel the Palestinians or cancel the Supreme Court, that's democracy. When right-wingers insist on democracy, they sound intimidating; but then they always sound intimidating. When left-wingers insist on it, we sound whiny, but then we always sound whiny.

• Delegitimize (Delegitimate?). I think it was the settlers who first popularized the term, when they accused the Rabin government of delegitimizing them as Israeli citizens, of not taking their views into consideration. The Rabin government took the settlers' views into consideration, alright, it just didn't agree with all of them. No delegitimization there, just good sense.

By now the word has been tossed back and forth so often that anytime you criticize a whole group of people you get accused of *delegitimizing them*. I called right-wingers intimidating, so I delegitimized them. I called left-wingers whiny, so I delegitimized them. Arrest me.

• Demagogue. This is a politician who plays on people's fears, uses exaggerations, distortions and lies to amplify those fears, who turns the Other into the Enemy and promises deliverance from those fears and those enemies.

But today a demagogue is any politician who says stuff you don't like, says it loudly, and gets applause.

• McCarthyism. In truth this means demagoguery in the name of anti-Communism. It also *means the destruction of innocent* people in the name of anti-Communism. But for decades the left used it as a knee-jerk defense anytime the right's attacks gathered momentum. This was left-wing crybabyism.

In Israel it is now the right-wing that most commonly complains of

> I may be a McCarthyist demagogue, but I'm tolerant and democratic – so don't delegitimize me

McCarthyism – and delegitimization. In other words, those leftists are saying bad things about us again. In other words, right-wing crybabyism.

TOLERANCE - This word was screwed up by the soft-headed Americans. It's part of an American litany – rainbows, mosaics, Michael Jackson and tolerance. *It has* come to mean love, understanding and sympathy for people who aren't like you.

But that's not what it means. Tolerance doesn't mean empathizing with people even though they're different; it means putting up with people even though you don't like them.

Play around with the word and see. If someone says, "I have tolerance for minorities," *nominate* him for the Nobel Peace Prize. But if he says, "I *tolerate* minorities," do you really want to take him along to the next interfaith dialogue?

• Bolshevism. This actually means state ownership of everything, combined with ruthless, one-party rule. In Israel it means state ownership of anything, combined with the respectful suggestion that trade unions have a right to exist.

• Nazis/Hitler - Nobody and nothing in present-day Israel should ever be compared – wholly, partially, minutely – to anything having to do with the Nazis or Hitler. Whenever those images are mixed in with current events, all thought stops. The brain shuts off and the blood takes over. Mention of Hitler and the Nazis should be confined to conversations about the real Hitler and the real Nazis. Otherwise, verboten.

• "Taken out of context"/"Blown out of proportion." I have yet to see anybody say anything in the media that he was later sorry for without claiming that his words were taken out of context and/or blown out of proportion. The charge sticks because it's impossible to disprove. Israelis go around grumbling about how the damned media always take things out of context and blow things out of proportion.

God only knows what this means, but it has a nice ring.

That's all for now. Eight down, 8,000 to go.

The writer is a journalist who lives in Tel Aviv.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COME DOWN TO EARTH

Sir, – When voting last May for Binyamin Netanyahu for prime minister, many of us voted more against Shimon Peres than for him.

Knowing that in the end it would be the only solution, we were all in one way or another in favor of the peace process with the Palestinians. But we were against the speed with which it was implemented, especially in the light of the bus bombings.

Netanyahu promised us peace with security, just what we so ardently wanted. Maybe he brought us a kind of security – it is too early to tell. But he has returned us to a situation which just four months ago we would have denied could ever occur. With his stubborn, arrogant and humiliating behavior towards our peace partners, instead of uniting Jerusalem, he united all the Arab world against us. Arab troops are moving and maneuvering close to our borders. Arab states have frozen the establishment of ties with us, Arab leaders, who had become more friendly, have turned against us. Even Jordan's King Hussein, the most sincere Arab friend of Israel.

With his stubbornness, Netanyahu has put himself in a very difficult position. People close to him have claimed that from the beginning he knew he would meet Arafat, redeploy in Hebron, etc., but dragged it out. He might feel that by now doing these things, he will be giving in to pressure and be afraid of losing credibility and the image of strength and resoluteness.

I believe he can only do one of two things: Come down to business, to reality, to pragmatism, or establish a national unity government consisting of the best and most experienced people from both sides. I am very much afraid that, if he continues down his present road, we will go from crisis to crisis, one worse than the other, and with a final result I do not want to even contemplate.

BENT SCHALIMTZEK
Ra'anana.

JOSEPH'S TOMB

Sir, – There is a lot of misunderstanding and disinformation about Joseph's Tomb in Shechem (Nablus).

The importance and the value of the city to the Jewish people begins with our Father Abraham. Shechem was the very first place where Abraham stopped when entering the Holy Land. It was here that God first revealed Himself to Abraham, and that the divine promise "I will give this land to your offspring" was first heard. Jacob, re-entering the country, bought the field that adjoins the east gates of the city, where later Joseph, his son, was buried. Hence it is considered among the three places in the Land of Israel (with the Temple Mount and the Tomb of the Patriarchs) that were purchased with money and not merely conquered by force, thereby denying the gentiles any legal claim to them.

Our conviction regarding the exact location of Joseph's Tomb is supported by the Bible, by archeological finds and by an unbroken Jewish, Samaritan and Moslem tradition.

The tomb is considered sacred only to the Jews, and since the Six Day War, thousands of Jews have come to it every year to pray. More than 13 years ago, a very young man, Romam Aldoubi, established a yeshiva at the site. He named the yeshiva *Od Yosef Hai*, which means the spirit of Joseph still lives. About 40 people have been studying Torah there since then, under very unfriendly conditions. The depth and strength of their commitment to this holy place have been tested many times and have never failed. Today they are temporarily encamped in a broken and deserted cabin near the army base outside Shechem, waiting to go back to their study center.

Shall Arab terrorists and murderers continue to benefit from their deeds, watching the brave young scholars exiled from their spiritual fountain?

NOAM LIVNAT
Elon Moreh.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Sir, – Further to Hana Greenfield's letter of September 29, AMCHA indeed shares her concern in making certain that Holocaust survivors are given full reparation payments. We, as an organization caring for survivors, have taken a vigorous role on a general and an individual level, to assist survivors in this matter.

The modest grant which AMCHA received from the Swiss government is a gesture by that government to offer temporary relief to AMCHA's budget crunch: the grant is enough only to support the organization's direct psychosocial services to Israeli survivors for a period of 10 weeks. This grant is certainly not in lieu of the money from the bank deposits of those who perished during the Holocaust. Rather, the issue of the bank deposits is being negotiated by Jewish organizations whose interest is in setting the Swiss bank problem to the satisfaction of all.

MANFRED KLAFTER, PRESIDENT
AMCHA – National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation
Jerusalem.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Sir, – Your article of September 22 about the new practical engineers' course in computer programming, which opens in November in Shlomi, failed to mention that this is the only program of its kind in the world (run jointly with "Microsoft"). This unique course was made possible by a generous grant from the Charles Clore Foundation to the Erez College in Shlomi.

SANDEE ILLOUZ, Directress,
Erez Center for Educational and Social Advancement in Western Galilee
Shlomi.

POSTSCRIPTS

REMEMBER WATCHING *Jurassic Park*? Relax, you said, it's only a movie, just a Hollywood fantasy.

Well, we have bad news: it's all coming true.

Japanese researchers are hoping to use ancient DNA and modern-day elephant sperm to try to recreate the prehistoric woolly mammoth.

But they acknowledge there's no scientific precedent for such a procedure, and other experts are extremely skeptical it could work.

Genetics specialist Kazufumi Goto and his colleague Shoji Okutsu went to Siberia to recover frozen fossils of the woolly mammoth, which became extinct about 10,000 years ago.

Finding preserved DNA in good condition would be key to his effort to use that and sperm from live elephants to produce a half-mammoth, half-elephant offspring. Over several generations, a creature genetically close to the prehistoric one could be created, he said. "If successful, we may be able to revive other extinct species using the same process."

CHINA DENIED it had detained the six-year old Tibetan boy it refuses to recognize as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama.

"The Dalai Lama's illegally appointed 'soul boy' is leading a free life, just like other Tibetan children," the official Xinhua news agency said.

According to the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, six-year-old Gedhun Choekyi Nyima is the 11th incarnation of the Panchen Lama, Tibet's second holiest monk, who died in Beijing in 1989.

But Beijing countered with its own reincarnation, also a six-year-old boy.

China quoted its own candidate, Gyaincain Norbu, as saying the Dalai Lama was the cause of turmoil in the region.

PEOPLE SEEKING affection probably shouldn't turn to snakes, turtles or iguanas.

But reptiles are the fastest-growing segment of the US pet population for other attributes, which aficionados say make them ideal domestic companions. They require little care, do not bark and can provide great natural pest control by eating all the flies, roaches and small rodents that come near them.

"Reptiles are the animal of the '90s," said Wayne Hill, director of the National Reptile Breeders Expo, which filled an Orlando hotel recently with thousands of scaly creepers and crawlers and the people who love them.

"They're the lazy man's pet. You can feed them and go away for a week, and as long as they have water, they're fine. They don't make any noise. They can be kept in aquariums like fish. They shed all in one piece, which you can pick up and throw away," Hill said.

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A passing, or lasting, fancy for your ob-gyn

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



DEAR Ruthie, I have an embarrassing problem: I'm attracted to my gynecologist. I am uncomfortable talking about this with friends, because this doctor delivered all three of my children (while I was still married).

The truth is that I was always attracted to him, but didn't admit it to myself, because I wanted to continue seeing him. Also, he is a superb doctor, with a very good reputation.

What I'd like to know, now that I am no longer married, is should I stop using him? I don't know what his marital status is, though I've heard rumors that he has had more than one wife, and may be "in between" spouses at the moment. What should I do?

Dreaming of my Doctor
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Doctor-Dreamy,

There is nothing unusual about becoming attracted to one's ob-gyn. Men in positions of authority can have a magnetic effect on many women. But when the "authority" is focused on the womb, the admiration and reliance upon such a figure on the part of a woman can be so great as to feel like true love ... including while giving birth to another man's child.

What is different about your case is that these feelings, rather than passing, have become enhanced. Now divorced, you are actually entertaining ideas of seeing this man not as your doctor, but as your lover. As such, you might want to ask yourself whether it wouldn't be healthier for you to go to another gynecologist professionally, and to try and get to know this one on a more personal level. Doing so will not guarantee that he is either available or interested in a relationship with you, but will give you the peace of mind to try and find out. And it will provide him with the opportunity to return your advances (if he so wishes) without fear of breaking any codes of professional ethics.

Dear Ruthie,

My fiancée has been showing signs of cold feet about our wedding. She keeps thinking of reasons to put it off (the weather, indecision about the musicians, the caterers, etc.)

My feeling, which I've expressed to her on more than one occasion, is that something else is bothering her besides the technical arrangements. She completely denies this, but I still sense otherwise. Is there a better way for me to approach her on this subject, so as to get her to really talk to me? Should I just let her be, and wait until she stops fidgeting about the date? I am inexperienced in these matters.

Gloomy Groom-to-Be
Syracuse, New York

Dear Gloomy Groom,

Even if your feelings are right on target, your fiancée may not necessarily have the self-awareness required to make the connection between her "stalling" techniques and what you refer to as "cold feet." This may be why she denies a connection.

Another possibility is that your fiancée is well aware of her chilly toes, but doesn't have the heart to break it to you. Yet a third possibility – though one which you did not mention – is that you have been giving off some "frostbite" of your own.

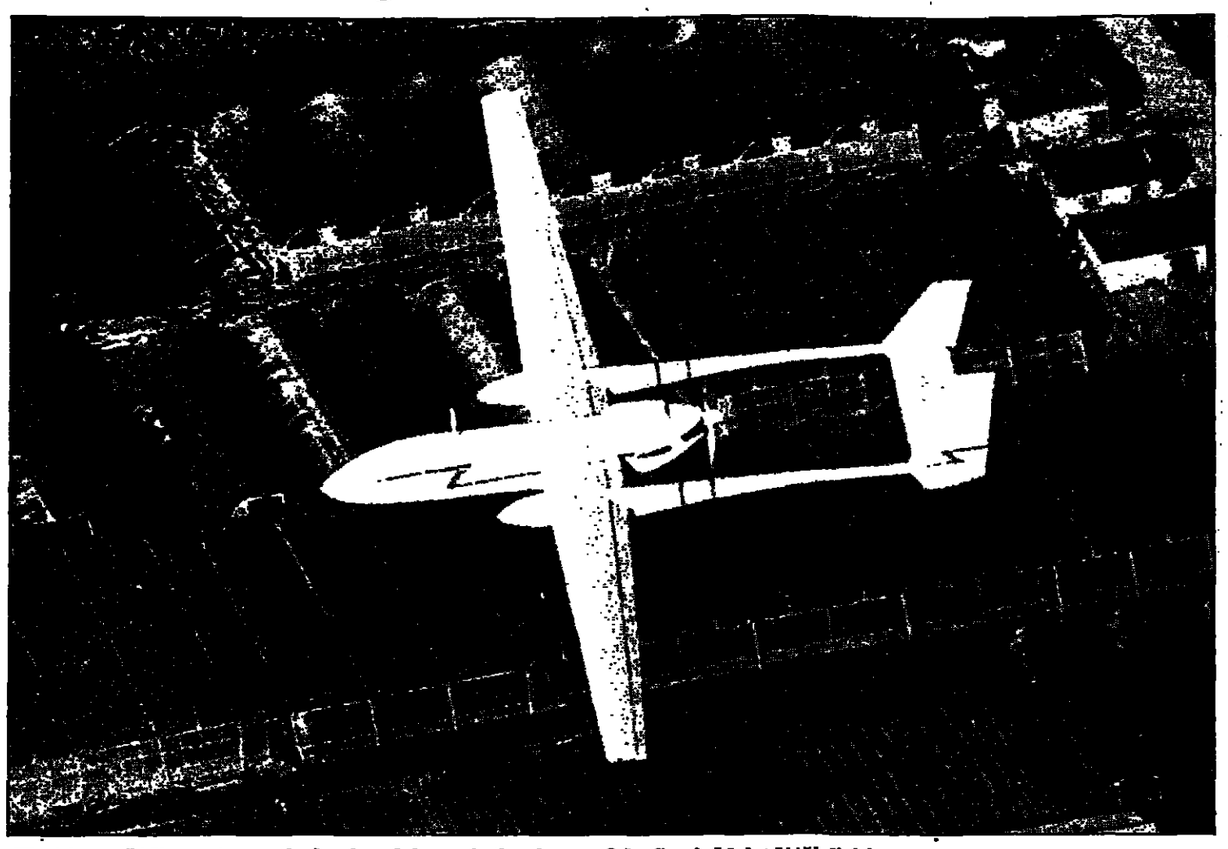
And finally, there always remains the possibility that your fiancée really is perturbed by the details of the wedding day.

Whatever the case, you should continue to discuss your anxieties with her. You obviously need to air them.

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IAI to get country's industrial 'Oscar'

STEVE RODAN



The Heron, IAI's most recently developed drone, is the cherry of the firm's Malat UAV division.

ZVI Arazi designs them. Ephraim Zuckerman makes them. And together with their respective divisions, both men made history in Israeli R&D.

In a six-month period in 1994, Arazi and Zuckerman led an effort to complete what is now regarded as one of the most advanced unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) in the world. The Heron went from the drawing board to the new promise of Israel Aircraft Industries' line of UAVs.

Their achievement has not gone unnoticed. On Sunday, IAI will receive the Kaplan Prize for productivity and efficiency – the nation's Oscar awarded to industry. The cherry was the Heron, but the prize cites IAI's Malat's division line of UAVs.

The first of Malat's UAVs was the Scout, used by the IDF in reconnaissance operations in south Lebanon in the 1970s, developed in the aftermath of the 1973 Yom Kippur war to provide the military with real-time intelligence in enemy territory without endangering human life. Then followed the Pioneer, deployed in the 1991 Gulf war, and the Ranger and Hunter – several of which are being used by the US Army.

All in all, Malat has become one of the most successful divisions in IAI, with sales of more than $100 million last year. Eighty percent of the revenues from UAVs come from abroad, with at least 10 client countries. To date, the UAVs developed by IAI have flown 50,000 hours, whether in the IDF or in the US and other forces. It is a bright spot for a government company that only earlier this month asked the Knesset for $390 million in loan guarantees to enable it to pay off suppliers.

"The field of UAVs has great potential for growth, both in IAI and worldwide," Zuckerman, Malat's general manager, says. "We see military budgets being reduced but the budget for intelligence is growing. These systems are intelligent and provide information in real time."

Beneath the picture window in the IAI conference room is the Malat hangar. Toward the middle of the huge working area, IAI technicians and engineers are inspecting a Ranger UAV meant to be sold to an unnamed country. In another area, a group of Israel Air Force officers are led on a tour of the plant.

Arazi, general manager of Malat's engineering division, recalls the doubts raised before the Heron project was launched. "When you do in-house development, you have to think three times whether you should start it," he says. "Because we didn't have the money, we had to do things fast."

The Heron team worked in one hangar from January to June 1994 – in all 10 months from drawing board to prototype. The goal was to make Heron a strategic weapon – one which would be able to stay in the air for long periods and travel long distances within enemy territory. It would be a far cry from the earlier drones that resembled large model airplanes and were limited in scope. "The whole industry is going toward bigger UAVs," Arazi says. "They are meant to carry out support missions for the military. You can't find fighter-jet crews that can stay 50 hours in the air the way the UAVs can." Zuckerman agrees. "We see the Heron as a niche in the market that will expand greatly in the coming years," he says.

IAI engineers say the Heron is a turning point for Israel in the field of UAVs. It can carry a payload, usually of electronic surveillance equipment and radar, of up to 250 kg to an altitude of 30,000 feet, out of killing range of most interceptors. Now the goal of IAI executives is to market the Heron. The US is a chief market but military commanders there are still unsure about the UAVs. In the early 1990s, IAI's Hunter was hugely popular with the US Army. Now, the new wonder is the Predator, built by General Atomics in San Diego. It has been adopted by the US Air Force for missions in Bosnia and is under consideration for deployment in South Korea.

But the Predator has been having its own troubles. In Bosnia, where the US has control of the air, two Predators have already crashed. IAI executives have decided not to compete directly with the Predator just yet. They are benefiting from a new US defense spending bill signed last month by President Bill Clinton that expands their UAV program. This includes congressional authorization for $30 million more than requested by the Pentagon's UAV Joint Program Office for the purchase of additional Pioneer UAVs, an older model that is also being used in Bosnia.

Even the Hunter, which in February the Pentagon decided to no longer acquire, will get a boost by Congress, and defense industry sources expect the US to eventually buy all seven Hunter systems originally agreed to by the Defense Department. So far, four systems have been purchased. "We know that the Heron is a lot better than the Predator," Zuckerman says. "But the Predator has its supporters. We figure that we will wait until we see how the Predator program develops before we enter into any bids."

A natural friendship between East and West

A recent visit to South Korea provided some startling parallels between that Asian country and Israel, Barry Rubin writes

TRADITION in South Korea has little to say about Jews or Israel. Issues which, in the West, evoke passion and pain, are exotic or unknown in these parts. This means that antisemitism is totally unfamiliar, while attitudes toward Israel are unburdened by *preconceptions*.

Nonetheless, the portents for friendship are favorable. Both South Korea and Israel face radical adversaries unamenable to peace, both are US allies (despite periodic differences with Washington's views), both are self-reliant, rapidly developing, need military strength and face the possibility of war.

The most noticeable parallel is Korea's economic miracle. The bloodshed and devastation of the 1950-1953 war was so intense that it is hard to find a building dating from before that time. Today, the country is one of the biggest and most advanced of industrial states. Seoul, where one-third of the population lives, is virtually indistinguishable from a Western city. Despite this, the city remains quite attractive, with gentle hills scattered around, and the broad Han river flowing through the center.

From Seoul, all looks as peaceful and untroubled as the view from a Tel Aviv cafe. But real-estate prices in Seoul's northern suburbs are much lower because only 70 km. away is the border with North Korea. Not only is North Korea one of the few remaining Communist states, but it is arguably the looniest of them all. The concept of brainwashing was invented there, and citizens are permitted only radios manufactured to broadcast exclusively North Korean stations.

The scenically beautiful border is covered with fences, patrol stations, and military bases on both sides, reminding one of the Israel-Syria cease-fire line on the Golan Heights. But the difference is that the warring people on both sides belong to the same nation. Korea's wound is most visible at Panmunjon, the tiny neutral zone where negotiations are held and where the smallest incident could lead to full-scale war.

Nearby, both sides have built giant flags and border villages (the North Korean one is uninhabited) to show their way of life is superior, and constructed giant flag poles. Alongside the hut where truce violations are discussed, two soldiers from the joint US-South Korean security battalion stand in judo position facing a triangle of North Korean soldiers a few steps away.



Two South Korean soldiers guard the demilitarization zone between the two Koreas, an area which reminds one of the Israel-Syria cease-fire line on the Golan Heights. (AP)

It is unlikely that war will break out, but it is a possibility every single day. The North frequently acts provocatively. Some weeks ago, a North Korean submarine landed three infiltrators before running aground. The crew died in a shoot-out with the South Korean army, and the terrorists – still not captured – murdered at least three civilians. A South Korean diplomat was beaten to death in a Russian city near the North Korean border. Spies are periodically uncovered. Huge tunnels are dug by the North for dispatching infiltrators – and perhaps one day an army – under the border.

In response, the US keeps 35,000 troops in South Korea. South Korea now builds all its own infantry and tank equipment, and all young men serve two and a half years in the army. Departing from a heavily male-oriented tradition, there are now even 300 women officers. Women have just been accepted for the first time for air-force pilot training.

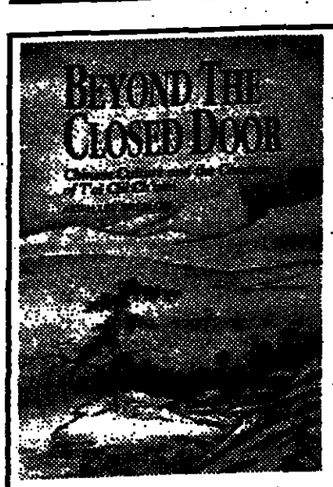
South Korea never retaliates against the north. And while South Koreans are divided as to whether doing so is a good or bad idea, they agree that this inaction is mostly the result of US constraint. Moreover, they are painfully aware that intelligence gathering is almost totally in American hands. There is a rumor that the US military knew about the North Korean submarine but did not inform them earlier.

A few months ago, in a bizarrely familiar replay of the Pollard affair, a Korean-born CIA analyst was arrested and charged with spying for Seoul. Asked about this incident, a well-placed Korean shrugged and said, "They don't give us all the intelligence we need." That is why Seoul is now fascinated by the idea of buying Israeli high-tech air force and intelligence equipment, despite US pressure to buy American-made products. Equally, South Korea wants to learn about Israel's methods and strategies for survival.

South Korea also does a great deal of business with the Arab world and a remarkable 250,000 Korean workers are laboring in Iran or Arab countries. Still, the Arab boycott's end, and Korean tenacity, remove the obstacles for close contacts with Israel. Bilateral trade has virtually doubled – while remaining balanced – during each of the last four years and is expected to reach about $1 billion for 1996. Korea sells Israel cars and consumer appliances; Israel provides high technology.

Aside from Israel's need to sell arms and equipment, as its military industries lose money and find fewer export markets, there is another reason for close cooperation. Arguably, North Korea is the main self-made enemy of Israel outside the Middle East. It is a major – in some cases, the main – source for missiles and nuclear technology for Iran, Syria, Libya, and in the past for Iraq as well.

With so many friends, enemies, and problems in common, Israel and South Korea have ample reasons to cooperate. And the benefits for both sides may be far larger than anyone expects.



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Magen defends Brodet report, criticizes cabinet

EVELYN GORDON

DEPUTY Finance Minister David Magen yesterday joined opposition MKs in sharply criticizing the way the cabinet handled the Brodet report.

"The [cabinet] meeting on the night of the 13th to 14th was not one of the government's finest moments," Magen said in response to a motion on the subject by Avi Yehezkel (Labor) and Avraham Poraz (Meretz).

"I also think there were problems with the way the meeting was run, and things happened that shouldn't have happened," Magen said. "But this is a new government, and it deserves 100 days of grace."

Both Yehezkel and Poraz directed their main criticism at the way the cabinet made its decision on the Brodet report, and particularly Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's failure to back Finance Minister Dan Meridor.

Poraz stressed that the test offered the government by the Brodet report was easy compared to the test it will face in trying to pass massive budget cuts, which most coalition MKs vigorously oppose.

"If this is the backing the finance minister gets during his first test, how will the government pass the decisive test [of the budget]?" Poraz said.

"[Netanyahu's] tragedy is that he has a good finance minister, but he's afraid of him," Poraz added. "It seems there are people [close to the prime minister] who think they must not allow Meridor to succeed."

The two opposition MKs said that, in principle, they favored Brodet's proposal to tax short-term savings plans.

"Without the taxation proposals, the entire [Brodet] plan lacks a soul, and will not help," Yehezkel said.

CBS report labels 1996 a year of slowing economic growth

DAVID HARRIS

EARLY indications suggest a slowdown in the economy this year, particularly in Gross Domestic Product and exports, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

The bureau's forecasts are based on statistics collated over the first 6 to 9 months of the year.

The increase in GDP this year is likely to be only 4 percent, compared to 7% in both 1994 and 1995. GDP represents the total of goods and services produced. GDP per head of population will exceed NIS50,000.

Initial conclusions are that there will be a relatively high increase of 6% in domestic consumption. This follows rises of 8% in 1994 and 7% last year.

However, there is a slowdown in the export of goods and services. Exports are likely to end the year showing an increase of 4%, compared to 11% to 15% in each of the last four years.

The import of goods and services will increase by some 7% to 8%, which is comparatively high in relation to the predicted GDP, according to the CBS.

Private consumption is expected to rise by 3% by the year's end, following annual increases of 4% to 6% since 1992. The gap between imports and exports of goods and services means the deficit, excluding direct military deals, will total $11.5 billion, compared to $9.8b. last year.

An 8% rise is anticipated in fixed capital formation in buildings and equipment, a similar figure to that recorded last year.

GDP, excluding public and housing services, is expected to increase by 4%, down from 8% in 1994 and 9% in 1995.

This information, provided by the CBS, will be presented to MKs in the Knesset debate on the budget on October 29.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has asked the Bank of Israel to consider a considerable reduction in interest rates if and when the government successfully pushes its $4.9b. budget cuts through the Knesset.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gasoline prices rise 2% because of crude oil increases: Prices of gasoline and fuel-based products rose from midnight last night, following substantial increases in the price of crude oil in recent weeks.

Gasoline 96 octane became more expensive by 2 percent, the price rising from NIS2.97 to NIS 3.03 a litre. Unleaded gasoline also rose in price by 2%, from NIS2.88 to NIS2.94.

The increases had to be imposed, because the law states that any change in the price of oil of more than 10% necessitates an immediate alteration of prices within the country. *David Harris*

Claridge Israel denies it will tender for Bank Leumi's shares in Africa-Israel: Claridge Israel general manager Jonathan Kolber yesterday denied reports the group intends to participate in the tender for the purchase of Bank Leumi's shares in Africa-Israel. The group, which recently completed a large investment in ECI Telecom, does not intend to make any other large investments in the economy in the near future, Kolber said. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Israeli companies, TASE to attend conference in London and Edinburgh: Seven Israeli companies and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange will be represented next week at a finance conference in London and Edinburgh, sponsored by the Israel-Britain Business Council.

The aim of the two-day event is to encourage interest in the companies on the London Stock Exchange and in Edinburgh investment houses.

The Israeli companies attending are Bank Leumi, Israel Chemicals, Elco Holdings, Discount Investment Corporation, Tadiran, Nice Systems and Matav Cable Systems.

They will meet some 70 companies in London and a dozen in the Scottish capital. *David Harris*

Sharansky calls on Frenkel to lower interest rates

EVELYN GORDON

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky called on Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel to lower interest rates yesterday, saying it is the only way to prevent more factory closures.

It was the first time a minister in the current government called publicly for an immediate rate reduction.

"There is an immediate need for a reduction in interest rates, and for an overall, integrated solution to the problems of the economy," Sharansky told the Knesset in response to seven motions related to the closure of Kitan's Beit She'an factory. "From this rostrum, I call upon Governor Frenkel to act quickly in this matter."

Sharansky said he sees the Kitan closure as the precursor to a wave of similar closures in the textile industry, and especially in the development towns.

In the long run, he said, Israel will have to move away from industries with low value-added, since it cannot compete with low-wage countries. In Jordan, for instance, wages are a tenth of what they are here.

However, he said, high interest rates are an important factor in the immediate problems of those industries.

Sharansky said Kitan's management has rejected his plea to keep the plant open for another few months to give the government time to find alternative jobs for the company's employees. However, he said, an interministerial committee headed by director-general of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor Lieberman has begun discussing measures that would enable other factories in the area to hire more workers.

Sharansky added that though Kitan said it is planning to transfer its Beit She'an operations to Dimona, the ministry's investment center has not yet received an official application for assistance in doing so.



British Airways agreed to help the Transport Ministry with the privatization of El Al. The agreement came during a visit to Britain this week by Minister Yitzhak Levy (2nd right). He is flanked by (from left) El Al Chairman Yosef Ciechanover, BA deputy managing director David Holmes, and BA Israel manager Nira Dror.

Electronic sector slowdown blamed on Bank of Israel

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

EXPORT growth among electronics firms, which has been decreasing gradually, will drop to an annual 13.2 percent by the end of this year, compared to 20.3% in 1993, the Manufacturers Association said yesterday.

The culprit, according to the association, is the Bank of Israel, which has allowed the shekel to appreciate and made life tough for exporters like the country's electronics firms.

If the government and the central bank do not ease monetary policy, the electronics sector's growth rate is expected to fall below 10% a year in the coming years, said Yisrael Asher, chairman of the association's electronic and planning division.

According to Asher, monetary policy has significantly hindered industrial firm's earnings in general. The electronics sector has suffered because it exports 87% of its products.

Worst hit is the electronic-defense field, which is expected to end the year with exports of $840 million, down 10% compared to the previous year.

The entire sector's exports should total $4.9 billion this year, compared with $4.3b. last year, Asher said.

A recent survey by the association shows the gap between the rise in the Consumer Price Index and the shekel's rate against the US dollar has increased to 23% in the period since 1993.

"As a result of the government and Bank of Israel's monetary policy, which has failed, many of the electronics firms' ability to compete has suffered," Asher said. "There is also a significant slowdown in long-term investments."

The Association forecasts the electronics sector to end 1996 with a total loss of $300m.

The manufacturers urged the Bank of Israel and the Finance Ministry to devalue the shekel by 7% or 8% in real terms and to provide incentives for exporters, especially the electronic sector.

Hyundai to supply Bezeq with $12.5m. of fiber-optic cables

JUDY SIEGEL

SOUTH Korean company Hyundai will manufacture 130,000 kilometers of fiber-optic cable for Bezeq at a cost of $12.5 million, in the first such deal between the two companies, according to an announcement by Bezeq yesterday.

The cables will be produced over a period of two weeks in South Korea, and examined in the labs by Bezeq and US experts for quality assurance. If the quality meets Bezeq's approval, it will sign a long-term contract with Hyundai by the end of 1998.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said his company would continue to be one of the main purchasers of locally made cables, which are very high quality. However, due to the need for readiness in a competitive market, Bezeq would have to reduce the costs of purchasing its equipment, he said.

Bezeq still buys 85 percent of its supplies from Israeli firms, and imports the rest.

Meanwhile, the public telecommunications company said it is looking for a partner to help invest in its Haifa-based Bedeq Communications facility. Bedeq carries out maintenance of Bezeq's telephony equipment around the country, employs 200 and has a turnover of NIS40m.

Turning Bedeq into a subsidiary with a partner can be carried out only after approval by Bezeq's board of directors, the Communications Ministry and the Government Companies Authority.

Dotan forms alliance with US public relations firm

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

DOTAN Communications of Tel Aviv formed an alliance with Fleishman-Hillard, the US's third-largest public relations firm.

Recently, two other top-five international PR firms, Burson-Marsteller and Porter/Novelli, also entered partnerships with local companies, underscoring Israel's developing image as a country with significant business potential.

"Many of our clients have been doing business here and, by virtue of the growth of Israeli industry, Israel has taken a much more prominent place on the radar screen," said Stan Steinreich, the senior vice president at Fleishman-Hillard in charge of Israeli operations.

The affiliation between Fleishman-Hillard and Dotan will allow both companies greater access to various marketplaces, said Steinreich. The alliance already helped him to learn more about marketing his clients' products locally, Steinreich said, while providing Dotan clients like Clal Industries with contact-making opportunities in the US.

"If people in the Far East want to meet with Israeli CEO's, then Fleishman-Hillard representatives there will be able to use Dotan" to make the connection, said Menachem Dotan, CEO of Dotan Communications.

Fleishman-Hillard, which has 865 employees in 31 offices around the world and an international network of affiliates, represents such multinationals as Levi Strauss, Anheuser-Busch and GE Capital.

Dotan Communications, which has a staff of fewer than 10 people, includes Coca-Cola (Israel), Mazda (Israel) and Mizrahi Bank among its clients.

Ford profits rise, but European losses concern analysts

DEARBORN, Mich (Reuter) – New pickup trucks and sport/utility vehicles helped Ford Motor Co.'s third-quarter profits to almost double to $686 million, the company said yesterday, though it alarmed analysts with growing losses in Europe.

Ford eked out a $15m. profit from its worldwide automotive operations – versus a loss of $201m. a year ago – as US automotive net income of $634m. was offset by a loss of $619m. from non-US regions.

Ford's third-quarter profits, which amounted to 56 cents a share on a fully diluted basis, compared with $357m., or 27 cents a share, in the year-ago period. The latest results were in line with Wall Street expectations.

Boosting the numbers was another strong performance from Ford's Financial Services Group. The unit earned $671m., including a gain of $76m. from the sale of USL Capital assets, compared with a profit of $558m. in the 1995 third quarter.

But Ford Credit's earnings slipped to $299m. from $357m. a year ago, reflecting higher credit losses.

"I think there's some real red flags there with overseas operations and Ford Credit," said Bear Stearns analyst Nicholas Lobocarro.

The company's earnings were adversely affected by a $39m. charge to cover the costs of early retirements for US salaried employees. Ford expects to report further charges of $300m. to $400m. in the fourth quarter for more early retirements.

Despite the charges, Ford Chairman Alex Trotman said the company expects its automotive results to be stronger in the fourth quarter than a year ago, with higher sales volumes and improving margins.

Hapoalim opens office in Berlin

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Hapoalim has opened a new representative office in Germany as part of its plans to encourage business between Israel and Germany.

The new Berlin office is the bank's second in Germany. Since 1990, Hapoalim has had an office in Frankfurt.

The Berlin office is expected to help expand the bank's activities in Germany, encourage business between Germany and Israel, and supply customers with information on the bank's activities worldwide.

Bank Hapoalim's network includes branches, representative offices, and subsidiaries in 16 countries. Last week, Bank Hapoalim management and Bank Masqat in Oman signed an agreement to establish direct business relations. Masqat is considered the second-largest bank in Oman.

Ports and Railways Authority

Notice of Proposed Purchase

Tender No. 7200/001

1. The Ports and Railways Authority - Israel (P.R.A.) wishes to obtain quotations, in accordance with the International Agreement on Governmental Procurement, GATT, for the supply of the following equipment:

3 Double Jib Level Luffing Cranes (DJLC) for the Ports of Ashdod and Haifa.

Plus an option for up to additional 3 cranes in the next 2 years.

2. Requested delivery date - Summer 1998

3. **Pre-requisites for participation in the tender**

3.1 Past Experience. (including orders in hand)

3.1.1 Supply of 5 cranes of the subject type (DJLC) that were delivered by the bidder in the past 10 years. Out of which, at least 2 DJLC's are in operation for a minimum of one year.

3.1.2 Continuous supply of cranes in the past 5 years (any type)

3.1.3 Supply of minimum of 3 DJLC's with capacity of 600 ton/meter (minimum) in the past 10 years.

3.2 Engineering and Technical Competence

3.2.1 The following functions should be an integral part of the Bidder's activities (all and each one).

3.2.1.1 Research and Development (R & D) and design.

3.2.1.2 Erection Crews.

3.2.1.3 Quality Assurance and Control.

3.2.1.4 After Sale Service.

3.2.2 The Bidder shall be certified (or in process to be certified) according to ISO 9000 or an equivalent standard accepted by the PRA in the subject field.

3.3 Operational and Technical Characteristic

3.3.1 The following features, each one separately or more, should exist in at least one of the cranes listed in the reference list. (item 3.1).

3.3.1.1 Double Jib System.

3.3.1.2 Hoist System with 4 ropes for operation with mechanical grabs.

3.3.1.3 Load capacity of 25 tons and more.

3.3.1.4 Efficient load-moment of 600 tons/meter and more.

3.3.1.5 Electrical system and control - full D.C. drive with digital control.

3.4 Data Sheet

A statement by the Bidder, confirming the compliance with the items in the Data-Sheet (section C3) which are marked with a "#".

4. The P.R.A reserved the right to proceed with or discontinue negotiations with any or all of the selected bidders. Further, the P.R.A. is not obligated to purchase the lowest priced cranes which might be offered by any potential bidder.

5. Tender documents including technical specifications are available upon payment of NIS 3510 including V.A.T. (not refundable).
All documents and proposals should be submitted in English.

6. The last date to submit the proposals is January 30, 1997, at 15:00 hours.

7. The address for the purchase of the Tender Documentation and for submitting the proposals is:

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Dutch florin	1.8339	1.8635	1.80	1.89	1.8531
Swiss franc	2.5005	2.5409	2.45	2.58	2.5238
Swedish krona	0.4790	0.4868	0.47	0.50	0.4839
Norwegian krone	0.4854	0.4933	0.47	0.51	0.4904
Danish krone	0.5373	0.5460	0.52	0.56	0.5426
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Canadian dollar	2.3409	2.3787	2.30	2.42	2.3638
Australian dollar	2.5094	2.5489	2.46	2.59	2.5344
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Italian lira (1000)	2.0682	2.1018	2.03	2.14	2.0907
Jordanian dinar	4.4100	4.7100	4.41	4.71	4.5322
Egyptian pound	0.9000	0.9600	0.90	0.96	0.9299
ECU	3.9620	4.0158	—	—	3.9914
Irish punt	5.0948	5.1788	5.00	5.25	5.1367
Spanish pesata (100)	2.4476	2.4871	2.40	2.53	2.4731

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.2030	+ 0.31%
Sterling	NIS 5.0782	+ 0.20%
Mark	NIS 2.0790	+ 0.53%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	6020.81	+16.03
DJ Transport	2097.07	-8.21
DJ Utils	221.35	-0.35
DJ Comp	1893.63	+0.72
NYSE Industr	478.31	+0.69
NYSE Transport	332.98	-0.07
NYSE Comp	374.53	+0.93
S&P 100	682.7	+2.29
S&P Spot Index	704.41	+1.84
AMEX Comp	576.52	+0.87

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	-891	1132	1214
Volume up (in 1000's)			213823
Volume down (in 1000's)			188342

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4024.4	-26.4
Tokyo Nikkei average	21397.1	-32.8
Singapore all-share index	510.32	-0.84
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	12396.1	-94.6
Israel index	194.98	-1.28

Israeli stocks in US

NYSE / AMEX / NASDAQ / OTC	Last	Change
Am Is Pap	37.5	+0
Ampal A	5.0625	-0.0625
Arvi	0.34375	0
BioTechnology	6.625	-0.375
Carmel Cont	8	+0
Frutarom (electrochem)	0.5625	-0.125
Elscint	8.125	+0
Etz Lavud	6.75	0
Etz Lavud A	5.125	0
Koor Indus.	17.875	-0.125
Laser T.	12.25	+0.125
PEC	16.375	+0
Tadiran	25.75	-0.25
4G Associates	6.6875	-0.0625
Aladdin	9.875	+0.125
Accent	11.75	-0.375
4TH. Dimension	6	+0.3125
BVR	5.25	-0.4375
Comverse	37.75	+0.25
Data (Defense)	5.875	-0.125
DSP Comm.	62.25	-0.25
ECI	20	+0.125
Edu-Soft	3.125	+0
Electric Fuel	8.125	+0
EFFI	78.25	-1
Elbit	12	-0.375
Elron	10.25	-0.25
Eshed Robotec	6.5	+0
M. Systems	8.125	+0.25
Gilat	20.375	-0.125
ISG	18.25	-0.5
Geotek	8.375	+0
Health Tech	0.71875	-0.03125
Home Center	5.125	-0.375
Idan	0.375	0
IIS	1.625	+0.0625
Indigo	4.875	-0.375
Int. Tech. USA	3.75	+0.125
Isramco	0.59375	+0
First Isr Fund	11.375	-0.125
Lanoptics	4.75	-0.25
Magal	8.25	-0.125
Medis-Al	8	-0.375
Mercury	17.75	-1
Magic	9.875	+0
Opal	10.25	+0
Orbotech	12.375	+0
Oshap Tech	3.5	-0.0625
Pharmos	1.5	+0
Rada	3.5	-0.1875
Scitex	11.5	+0.25
Silicom	2.625	+0.125
T.A.T. Technol	1.0625	+0
Taro Vit	7.5	-0.125
Teledata	17.625	+0.25
Tower Semicond	7.25	+0.25
Tad. Telecom.	22	-0.875
Teva	43.75	+0.1875
TVG	1.5	-0.0625
Vocaltec	5.125	-0.0625

(All listings are closing quotes)

Commstock Trading Ltd. (Date 16-OCT-96)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5834	-0.0041
	Dec.future (CME)	1.583	-0.0046
D-mark:	spot	1.5394	-0.0004
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6523	+0.0007
S-franc:	spot	1.268	+0
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7939	+0.0007
Yen:	spot	112.28	+0.04
	Dec.future (CME)	0.008862	-5e-006
CanDlr:	spot	1.3548	-0.0003
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7405	-0.0003
AusDlr:	spot	0.7916	+0.0018
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7896	+0.0008
F-franc:	spot	5.208	+0.003
It Lira:	spot	1538.5	-9.75
Nig:	spot	1.7274	+0.0009
AutShig:	spot	10.8198	-0.012
Rand:	spot	4.545	+0.005
ECU:	spot	1.2481	+0.0002
Bonds	Dec.future	110.313	-0.1875
S and P	Dec.future	708.5	+1.95

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	-	-
Dollar	6 months	-	-
Dollar	12 months	5.8438	0
Sterling	3 months	-	-
Sterling	6 months	-	-
Sterling	12 months	6.3125	0
S-franc	3 months	-	-
S-franc	6 months	-	-
S-franc	12 months	1.8125	0
D-mark	3 months	-	-
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	3.2188	0
Yen	3 months	-	-
Yen	6 months	-	-
Yen	12 months	0.5938	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1402	+6
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	112.2	-2
Sugar no.11 (Mar) (CEC)	10.7	+0.03
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	417.25	-4.5
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	691	-1.5
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	111.8	-3
Crude oil light (Nov)(CEC)	25.17	-0.25

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	972	+8
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1516	-12
Brent crude oil (Nov)(IPE)	2483	+8

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	381.75	+0.5
Silver:	spot	5.08	+0.04

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	383	-0.3
Silver (Dec)	5.02	-0.025
Platinum (Oct)	386.5	-0.3
Palladium (Dec)	117.7	+0.2
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.8865	-0.0195

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	380.8	-0.2
Gold PM fix	381.5	+0.5
Silver fix	507.7	+5.7

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
IsrDevBK	12809	2.5
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
HanuC	177.50	
HanianC		
CHH	103318	-0.3
Tiapo	450	-0.2
TradeC	180.50	0.3

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	381062	
Carmel	325	2.6
FinaMB	33953	3.0
IndepMB	60240	4.2
J lemC	146.50	
JoroBnk	154.00	1.7
LeumiMBR	44454	1.8
Lhnov	4299	3.5
TefahotR	139788	2.0

Financial Institutions Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
adone	175.00	2.9
elashsha	504	
nacionale	51.50	10.5
Ayalon	380	-0.3
AyalonC		
Hilan		
HilanC1		
Hasar1	395	
HasarS	324	1.9
HamshmrC	241	0.8
Hamshmr1	1834	3.7
Hamshmr5	1744	2.2
Menorah1	931	1.5
Menorah5	837	1.9
Phoenix5	1419	3.0
Sahar	859	-0.2
Zion5	9053	

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Aboodsgn	83.00	
Aria	1338	5.0
Blech	483	
Bashmira	435	1.2
Bitanes	130.50	
Bisitau	413	
Biamvhid	445	3.0
Blisys	2501	
Bisco	1172	6.5
Brosenrd	101.50	
Bicnem	481	9.3
Bin	214	6.5
Bnliger	36.70	1.4
BrndWmC1	151.00	0.3
BrndWmC2	157.50	
BrndWm1 L	2561	3.0
Cargo0.1	31917	0.3
Comtec	183.50	7.2
CorBeach	1215	
Dann1	1.80	5.9
Danel	859	2.0
DanHotl1	721	
Data	518	
DCL	859	8.0
End	59.00	0.9
Electech	481	
Feldman	151.00	5.6
Gal	302	1.3
GanHadar	380	10.1
GanHadC	241	0.4
GrandC1	117.50	
Grant	432	2.8
GrandW2	2.10	
Greenorg	72.00	-0.7
HGitC1	182.00	-0.6
HGitW1		
HGit1	311	9.9
Ingama1	2198	2.5
Ingama5	2133	5.0
ILOCHOT	302	-0.7
Ind	30.30	
Kopel	125.50	-1.2
KopelC1	211	
Laz	1041	
Lubl	481	0.4
Madmech	462	3.6
MLLC1	189.50	-0.3
MLL1	181.00	0.6
MZPK	498	
Nuun1	749	5.6
Point sale	767	-0.3
Rapac	1412	5.2
Regency Ho	68.50	1.5
Resnef	80.50	
ResnefC1	133.50	0.4
TeamC1	181.00	0.6
Telsys	978	3.7
Topline	300	
TrendLin	773	
Yaad	389	
YaadC1	146.50	0.3
Yaana	302	
Yeda1	394	2.6
Yona	321	-0.6

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	151.00	2.0
imco	436	
ledooresgn	172.00	3.9
lpman	1301	
marathon	77.00	2.0
pinyon	213	
sabog	384	-5.0
tomauer	642	5.4
wamtex	19.40	
yehodasd	368	2.1
zinmetal	639	
AckersC	143.00	0.4
Adumim1	153.50	0.7
Alliance	581	2.8
Alony	230	
Alumd1 1L	6184	6.7
Angel	7033	
Argaman	142.00	
Aryt	101.00	2.0
AryaC1	40.80	
Ashply	729	
Ashplyc1	211	-2.3
Ashtrom	268	-8.4
Azmon	253	8.1
AzmonW1	8.50	
Azmuth	186.50	
Belmon	409	9.4
Boulo	93.00	3.9
BoulosC1	222	
Brosh1	236	
CablesC3	154.50	0.7
CablesW3	28.70	-15.1
Carolina		
Cargal	593	4.0
Castro	808	-0.5
Cham	243	
ClalSrC	225	-0.4
ClalSr0.1	1002	4.3
Cland C8	176.50	0.6
Cyclone1	1638	
Cyclone5	1392	-10.0
CyclonC1	200	3.1
CyclonC2	76.00	1.3
Dalronci	222	
Dalron1	1934	
Doccson	281	6.0
Degem1	211	0.5
Delta 1	693	3.3
Delta3	658	3.5
Dexter	1590	
DubekB	9482	
DubekR	8217	-1.3
ElbanTec	33.30	
Elam	208	
Elcoind	4157	2.0
Elctrncs	365	
ElectG4	307	3.4
ElndRtec	318	-0.6
Elrot	198.00	10.0
Fertex5	548	
Fert0.1	617	
FeuchtW1	6151	1.5
Five J	238	
FrutarC1	243	
FrutarC2		
GiborC1	122.50	1.7
GiborSab	180.50	10.1
GiborW2		
Golan	534	
Hatehof1	293	-0.3
Hashof5	160.00	3.9
Hod	151.50	
Holir	88.50	2.3
IarCan1	1998	1.7
Kadmany1	82.00	2.8
Kedem	3285	
KedemC2	203	1.0
Kaer	409	
King1	346	-0.3
KitanC1	158.00	
Kitl	1348	2.0
Kit5	1270	1.5
Lahash1	4387	2.0
Lipsid	1989	2.0
Lodzia1	1065	10.0
Lodzia4	777	
LuhotGal	50.50	
MacPell	351	
Magam	253	3.7
ManC1	207	
Man1	88.00	
Maxima1	907	
Maxima5	931	
Mel Eden	1270	
Modgal	752	2.5
Mozaica1	621	5.1
Mozaica5	591	4.2
Mullock	804	7.5
Necs	13199	
NecsG1	220	-0.5
NegCeram	135.50	
Nehusht1	731	2.5
Nehusht5	692	1.5
Nevot	1051	-2.5
NMC	327	5.1
Ofis	509	
Ophir	269	3.1
Orazit	201	
OrmitC	124.50	1.6
Orbit1	345	
OrdaPmt	1382	-3.0
Orlite	223	4.2
PackerW2	1327	2.0
PazChen	236	-
Pika	499	
PolgatA	119.00	
PolgatB	111.50	0.9
PolgatC1	220	
Pollak1	363	
Polygon	149.00	-0.2
PolygonC	188.50	0.3
Poseidon	23.40	0.9
PCB	468	1.1
Rabintex	71.50	7.5
RabintxW	1.00	
Sanfkol1	121.50	0.8
Sano1	978	2.3
Sano5	810	6.4
Selon	462	1.1
Shemen	10604	2.5
Shalod	108.00	-0.5
Spctrnx	175.50	2.6
Steel	138.00	3.4
Sunfrost	2371	
Taal	187.50	-1.1
Tadiran	518	
Tasio	177.00	4.1
Tadea	1115	6.5
Tiv	279	
Tobias1	841	
Topper	26.70	
TATC1	210	
TAT1	260	
Umbar1	999	-10.0
Unibar5	563	
Urdan 0 1	374	2.2
Vazago1	214	6.6
Vulcan	215	
VulcanC	203	0.5
Wardmon	11976	1.5
WardinW3	941	2.5
YhongC2		
Zohaw	133.00	0.4
Zika1	633	3.9
Zika5	543	0.9
Zikit	2539	5.0
Zik5	2183	2.0
ZionCab1	316	3.9
Zoharind	225	

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
a.don	120.00	5.3
alonhetz	78.50	
buildpro	227	1.8
grandcr	49.50	1.0
jacobehr	108.00	
pandor	165.00	10.0
revod	195.00	-0.3
izurim	334	
wellson	85800	2.0
y.steng	112.00	
Adler	144.00	
Arazim	122.50	
Arazim C1	209	0.5
Arledan1	839	1.9
Assis	614	0.8
Assuta	224	1.8
AssutaC1	232	
AzorProp	440	3.8
Bar—Ton1	1376	
Barano1	388	9.8
Baysido5	22075	
BaysidC1	22509	2.0
BenYaKar	2104	
BenYharC	134.50	5.9
BldgRes	1743	
BLNTIN	644	3.0
Caesrea1	3844	0.5
CohenDev	191.00	4.4
Contrcr	1322	10.0
Danly	802	8.5
DanKner	1277	2.0
DanKnerC	183.50	0.8
Darad1	100.50	6.3
Dunbar	4183	
Engel	251	10.1
Gazil	369	-0.8
GazitW1	70.00	
GoldHous	262	
GzuzC1	335	0.3
GldHouseC	228	
Ispro	2100	
Israiom	1638	
IsralomC	232	
IsraeC1	225	
Isras0.5	4483	1.0
Israel1	4751	1.3
ICP5	17038	7.0
Jaysour1	140.00	-3.1
Jordan	382	4.9
Lazmich	148.50	
LazmiC1	142.00	
Laznick	327	7.9
Lifshiz1	172.50	
Lifshiz5	119.50	
Lunar1	1917	4.0
Lwnstn1	559	
MelbuC2	152.00	0.7
Melbu1	659	7.0
MarLaxC2	114.50	0.9
MarLazW3	9.00	-10.0
Melisron	1070	7.0
Minrav	913	2.7
Mishnael	31.00	
MLT	867	
MTM	1105	-1.0
NeotAviv	1003	
OcifC1	151.00	
OcifW1	409	-0.7
Oholab	851	-3.3
Oz	318	4.8
Pargod	1237	
PriOr	8245	1.0
Rasaco	1363	-2.0
ResSea	416	1.0
RogovinIL	862	
Rogovin5	848	
Rotem	493	7.6
Scandia	49.50	
ScandiaC	104.00	
Shaked	487	0.2
Tashluz	339	10.1
UnicomG1	176.50	0.3
Unicom1	68.00	-0.7

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darban1	333	0.6
lidar	481	1.1
taya	520	3.8
Atiac	6.50	
Ackers1	674	6.3
Ackers2	602	7.9
AfcorC	500	5.7
Ampa	87036	2.5
Arad	3289	3.0
Atlan	1476	7.0
Avner	2.30	4.5
Azr aC2	212	
Baruch1	1071	-1.0
Baruch5	475	9.7
Binyan	22626	
Clal50	6557	
DanbarC	228	
Danbar1	1845	9.8
DIKOEkt1	587	
Edgar	91.50	2.8
EdgarC2	161.60	
Elern	2303	8.0
Emeh	131.50	
Evergr n	1969	
Gahelet	5186	5.5
Haman	882	0.5
Hilen	198.50	
Hiron5	6582	
Iscal	745	
IsrCorp5	14298	2.0
JoelC1	198.50	0.3
JoelC1A	193.00	-2.0
Karcian1	340	2.7
Kital	238	2.6
Magor1	2055	6.0
Magor5	1599	2.0
MeirEzra	293	4.3
Mirage	105.00	9.9
Moleti	324	2.2
Naphtha	24.60	2.5
NatoilDS	4.50	7.1
Oler	5711	5.0
Optima	85.00	-1.2
Parna0 1	851	4.8
Regent1	218	2.3
Rim1	338	10.1
Rim4	331	
SaharDev	1474	5.0
Secures	1035	2.0
SecursC	144.00	0.3
SecursW	392	5.7
SAPANHASP	813	2.0
TzurC1	213	
TzurSHmr	89.00	3.5
Unico	3079	1.0
Yasum	68.00	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	578	

PARALLEL LIST
Trade & Services
Property, Building Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
Tibnvel	81.50	7.9

Two-sided trading

Name	AFTERNOON Price	% Change	Volume Shares	MORNING Price	% Change	Volume Shares
alrisrht	269	0.7		269	0.7	43021
electrac	2640	2.2	1000	2640	2.2	8091
Ackerin	280	1.7		280	1.8	53496
Afris 0.	400756	5.2	60	401708	5.5	140
Afrisr	348920	5.0	18	347259	4.5	20
Agan	5181	3.0	11200	5206	3.5	13399
Agis	2288	4.5	4800	2288	4.5	7531
Alrov	1241	-0.2		1241	-0.2	748
Azorim	2740	3.2	4400	2740	3.2	5139
Al PM	12227	3.7	1350	12286	4.3	2927
Baran	1835	2.5	800	1844	3.0	734
Bezek	788	1.7	457700	797	3.0	160491
Cables	1100	3.2	1600	1100	3.3	2151
Clal Com	8481	4.7	210	8481	4.8	1014
Clal Ele	24809	3.0	1980	24748	2.7	722
Clal Tra	866	4.0	2600	875	5.0	2600
Clal 10	7321	0.5	5750	7340	0.8	2031
Clalins	1777	2.2	2200	1777	2.2	26186
Cldstr 5	1038	6.0	10200	1030	5.2	2000
Clinds	1306	1.5	34100	1316	2.3	48507
CoOp	2508	2.2	19200	2496	1.8	8490
Danbar 5	1610			1610		4386
Dead Sea	762	1.7	58800	766	2.3	56215
Delek	6977	1.5	440	6977	1.5	4852
DevIMB	14998	4.0		14998	4.0	1316
Discinv	17326	3.0	5400	17326	3.0	2101
Elbit	12948	-2.0	11000	13212		3681
Fico	8732	4.2	180	8732	4.3	875
Elctr 0.	9205	4.0		9205	4.0	1000
Elite 5	1315	2.0	19800	1318	2.2	33114
Elron	11035	-0.5	850	11090		1044
Export	815	3.2		815	3.3	2300
FruchtW5	5834	3.2	280	5834	3.3	684
Fbl	36673	3.2	360	36762	3.5	335
Formula	2228	4.7	1900	2228	4.7	6563
Frstint1	34183	3.7		34183	3.8	64
Frstint5	33846	0.5	1395	33678		1527
Frutarom	171.0	3.5		171.0	3.6	46088
General	8053	1.2		8053	1.2	455
Hapoalm	458	2.2	920400	459	2.5	280192
Hapotm	11017	1.0	4640	11263	3.3	2709
IndBldg	275	0.5	17400	274		40047
Isramco	2.1	2.2	2040000	2.1		3078080
IsrCorp1	17962	2.7	1620	18093	3.5	657
IsChem	263	2.0	168000	264	2.3	274958
IDB	1110	1.2	54400	1121	2.3	17021
IDBDev	4848	1.7	21450	4872	2.2	7243
IDLC8	227	0.7		227	0.9	50000
ILDC	858	0.2	27600	860	0.5	21101
Jaf-ora	818	9.2		818	9.2	7199
JEC	695	4.2	2400	695	4.2	7092
JOEL	134.5	-5.0	8500	127.5	-9.9	
Kardan5	248	4.2	12000	248	4.2	52500
Kaan	273	3.0		273	3.0	9000
Koor	26428	2.7	12610	26497	3.0	7245
Leumi	381	1.0	395000	384	2.0	200556
Makhtesh	1815	2.0	27500	1815	2.0	27062
Malibu5	626	4.5	2300	626	4.5	4046
Maman	518	2.2	8000	520	2.6	16667
Mant1	1006	3.0	12000	1003	2.5	15999
Mashov	240	2.7		240	2.6	60933
Mehadrin	7523	2.0	520	7523	2.0	1287
Mishkan	25961	3.5		25961	3.5	250
Mivtah	812	4.0	26600	806	3.2	6554
Nice1	7173	3.5	3360	7173	3.5	2578
Ocil	5070	0.5		5070	0.5	206
Ormat	302	3.0	7000	302	3.1	79023
Osem	1876		56200	1876		28723
PazoilEx	263	0.7	5200	261		8330
Pecker	5333	2.7	300	5333	2.8	3320
Periclas	1367	4.0	6000	1367	4.0	11817
Petrchem	1277	1.0	2800	1277	1.0	32624
Phoenix1	1946	2.5		1946	2.5	453
Piryon	9379			9379		
Rogosin	1434	4.0	4800	1434	4.0	4277
Secom	180.5	2.7	16000	180.0	2.6	17941
SelaPump	12.0	-1.2		12.0	-1.6	163322
Shiton	7270	5.7	1440	7305	6.3	1260
SupersB	7129	1.2	11200	7129	1.2	7598
Tambour	529	1.7		529	1.7	2112
Team	2827	5.5	1500	2814	5.0	1819
TefahotB	145828	2.0		145828	2.0	182
Tempo1	1094			1094		359
Teva	139833	2.0	945	140518	2.5	292
TAT5	168.5	2.2	24000	166.0	0.6	39153
Ytong	700	4.0		700	4.0	10050

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Name	Price	chg
Acs	26.875	-0.25
AMP Inc	38.75	-0.25
AMR Corp	81.875	-1.125
ASA	39.625	+0.125
Abbott Labs	51.125	-0.125
Advanced Micro	17.625	-0.25
Aetna Life	65.375	-0.375
Affiliated Publ	9.5	-0.125
Aflac	36.625	+0.125
Ahmanson (HF)	29.375	+0.375
Air Prods	59.875	-0.625
Alberto-Culv B	44	+0.125
Albertson's	34.375	-1.125
Alcan Aluminum	31.25	+0.25
Alco Standard	47	+2.25
Alex & Alex	15.5	-0.375
Allegheny Power	29.75	-0.125
Allied Signal	64.75	+0.375
Alcoa	8	-50.875
Amax	31.75	+0.25
Amdahl Corp	9.5	-0.0625
Amerada Hess	55	-0.25
Amer Brands	48	+0
Amer El Power	40.75	+0
Amer Express	47.375	+0.5
Amer Genl Corp	38	+0.25
Amer Greeting	29.9375	+0.1875
Amer Home Pr	64.625	-0.125
Amer Int'l	103.25	+1
Amer Natl Ins	65.5	+0.5
Amer Power Conv	15.5	-0.25
Amer Stores	40	+0.25
Amer T & T	39.875	+0.5
Ameritech	56.125	+1.75
Ametek Inc	18.25	+0.125
Amgen	58.5	-1.125
Amoco	73.625	+0.5
Analog Devices	28.375	-0.125
Anheuser-Busch	38.25	-0.5
Aon Corp	54.75	-0.25
Apple Computer	25.75	+0.5
Applied Magnetics	22.5	-0.75
Archer Daniels	21.125	-0.5
Armco	4.125	+0
Armstrong World	65.625	+0.125
Asarco	24.125	-0.5
Ashland Coal	28.5	-0.25
Ashland Oil	42.25	+0
AST Research	4.875	+0.0625
Atlantic Rchfld	131.125	-0.75
Auto Data Pro	42.75	-0.25
Autodesk	25	+0.125
Avery Dennison	58.75	+1.375
Avnet Inc	50.125	+0.125
Avon Products	48.125	-0.625
Baimco Corp	6	-0.125
Baker Hughes	34.5	+1
Ball Corp	23.75	+0.25
Bally	28.25	+0.375
Baltimore Gas	28.125	-0.25
Banc One Corp	41.75	+0.25
Bandag	47.875	+0.375
BankAmerica	86.75	-1.25
Bank of Boston	59	-0.625
Bank of New Yk	29.125	-0.5
Bankers Trst NY	83	+0
Barnett Banks	37.75	+0.5
Battle Mount Gd	7.75	+0.125
Bausch & Lomb	38	-0.5
Baxter Intl	44.875	-0.125
Bay Network	20.75	-0.125
Becton Dickinson	44.125	-0.5
Bell Atlantic	60.875	+2.125
Bell Industries	17	+0.375
BellSouth	39.875	+2.5
HA Belo Corp	37.25	-0.125
Beneficial Corp	58	-0.5
Bethlehem Steel	7.875	-0.125
Beverly Entprs	11.125	-0.125
Biomet	16.25	+0
Black & Decker	40.875	-0.5
Boeing	97.25	-0.875
Boise Cascade	31.5	-0.5
Bowater Inc	34	+0.125
Briggs & Stratn	42.5	+0.5
Brist Myrs Sqb	100.75	+0.25
Brit Airws ADR	92.375	-1.125
Brit Steel ADR	29.375	-0.5
Brit Telecom	55	-0.875
Brooklyn Union	28.5	+0.125
Brown Group	21.625	+0.5
Brown & Sharpe	11.75	+0
Browning Ferris	25.625	-0.625
Brunswick	23.875	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	83.75	-1.125
CBS Inc	19.5	-0.5
CMS Energy Corp	30.5	-0.125
CPC Intern	77.125	+0.25
CSX Corporation	46.375	-0.375
Cabot Corp	28	-0.25
Campbell Soup	80.25	-0.625
Capital Cis ABC	58.75	-0.25
Carolina Pwr Lt	34.5	+0.25
Carpenter Tech	33.75	+0.25
Caterpillar	74.75	-1.5
Centerior Energy	9.25	-0.25
Centex Corp	31.125	+1
Central & SW	25.75	+0.125
Ceridian	52.25	+0.5
Champion Intl	41.5	-0.125
Charg Shoppes	5.1875	+0.0625
Chase Manhattan	81.25	-1.25
Chevron Corp	66.75	+0.875
Cheyenne Software	30.25	+0
Chiquita Brands	12.625	+0.25
Chrysler	647	+613.625
Chubb Corp	48.5	-0.25
Cisco	65.375	-0.5
Citicorp	93.75	-1.25
Citicasters	-	
Clevd Cliffs	39.25	+0.75
Clorox	101.625	+0
Coastal Corp	44.5	+0.5
Coca Cola	48.5	-0.25
Coca Cola Ent	44.875	+0.5
Colgate Palmolv	88.875	+0.25
Comcast Corp A	15.125	+0
Compaq	73.625	-1.125
Compute Ass Int	62.875	-2.875
Computer Sc	80.875	-0.125
Conagra	48.125	+0.375
Cons Edison	28.375	-0.125
Cons Freightwys	23.125	-0.5
Cons Nat Gas	52.75	-1
Cons Rail	95.75	+0.625
Cooper Inds	41.375	-0.5
Coors (Adolph)	22	+0.125
Corning Inc	39.25	+0
Crane	45.75	+0.25
CromptonKnowles	18.875	+0
Crown Cork Seal	48.375	+0.5
Cummins Engine	40.5	-0.125
Curtiss-Wright	54.5	-0.25
Cypress Semicon	11.75	-0.25
Cypress Mineral	22.25	+0
Cytec Indust	37.75	+0.125
DOE	27.75	-0.375
Dana Corp	30.5	+0
Data General	15.5	+0.375
Dayton Hudson	32.75	+0.875
De Beers	31.75	-0.375
Deere	43.375	-0.375
Delm Pwr & L	19.875	+0
Delta Air Lnes	69.125	-0.375
Deluxe Corp	37.25	+0
Detroit Edison	28.5	+0.125
Dial Corp Del	14.125	-0.125
Diebold Inc	57	+0.125
Digital Equip	33.5	-0.125
Dillard Dep St	32.5	+0.125
Disney (Walt)	65.5	+1.125
Dominion Res	37.375	+0.
Donelley (RR)	32.25	+0.625
Dover Corp	50.75	+0.25
Dow Chemicals	79.25	+0.75
Dow Jones	34.75	-0.625
Dresser	31.875	+0.5
DSC Comm	18.125	-0.25
Duke Power	47.125	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	61.5	+0.5
Du Pont	94.875	-1.125
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E G & G Corp	17.625	-0.125
Eastern Ents	39.625	+0.5
Eastman Kodak	78.625	-0.375
Eaton Corp	58.75	+0
Echlin Inc	32.5	+0
Emerson Elec	90.125	+0.125
Engelhard Corp	18.375	-0.375
Enron Corp	42.5	+0
Enserch Corp	21.375	-0.125
Entergy Corp	27.625	+0.125
Enzo Biochem	18.125	+0.375
Ethyl Corp	8.625	+0
Exxon	87.375	+0.25
FMC Corp	70.125	+0.625
FPL Group	44.75	+0.875
Fedders Corp	6.375	+0.125
Federal Exprss	80.625	-1.25
Federal Mogul	23.125	-0.375
Fed Nat Mtge	35.125	-0.5
Federal Ppr Bd	-	
Fieldcrest Can	13.625	+0.5
First Bank Sys	63.875	-0.75
First Chicago	48.5	+0.25
First Interst	-	
First Union	68	+0.125
Fruit of the Loom	31.5	-0.375
Fst Mississipp	27.5	-0.125
Fst Union Rlty	7	+0
Fleet Finl Grp	46.625	+0.625
Fleetwd Enterp	33.375	-0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	17.375	-0.375
Florida Prog	33.375	-0.125
Fluor Corp	62.125	+0.5
Food Lion Inc	8.625	-0.1875
Ford Motor	32.375	-0.875
Foster Wheeler	43	-0.125
Freeport McMor	32	-0.125
Galoob Toys	29.25	+0.875
GATX Corp	47.625	-0.125
GTE Corp	42.25	+3.625
Gannett	73.25	+0.5
Gap Inc Del	29.75	+0.25
Gencorp	18.75	+0.375
Gen Am Invest	23.375	-0.5
Gen Dynamics	69	-0.75
Gen Electric	95	-0.25
Gen Mills	58.5	-0.125
Gen Motors	52.75	-0.625
Gen Motors H	55	+1
Gen Public Ut	32.25	+0.125
Gen Reinsurnce	144.375	+0.5
Gen Signal	41.375	-0.25
Gen DataComm	10.875	-0.125
Genuine Parts	44.125	+0.375
Georgia Pac	75.125	-0.5
Gillette	73.375	-1.375
Glaxo ADR	31.25	+0.125
Golden W Finl	[illegible]	-0.25
Goodrich (BF)	43.5	-0.5
Goodyear Tire	45.25	+0.25
Grace (W&R)	53.125	+0.75
Grainger (WW)	69.375	-0.75
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29.25	+0.125
Grt Central Mine	8.75	+0.25
Grt Western Finl	27.75	+0
Halliburton	57.875	+0.75
Hanna (MA)	21	+0
Harcourt	52.5	+0
Harley Davidson	48	+1.875
Harnischfeger	39	+0.5
Harrah's Ent	18.375	+0.75
Harris Corp	64.25	-1.25
Hasco Corp	60.5	+0.5
Hartmax	4.5	+0.25
Hasbro	38.625	+0.125
Hecla Mining	6.375	+0
Heinz (HJ)	34.875	+0.5
Helix Technol	30	-0.5
Hmrch & Payne	50.5	+2.75
Hercules	51.375	+0.125
Hershey Foods	48	-0.375
Hewlett Packard	47.25	+1
Hilton Hotels	28.5	+0.25
Home Depot	58.875	+0.125
Homestake	14	-0.25
Honeywell	62.375	-0.25
Hormel (Geo)	23.375	+0
Household Intl	85	+0.5
Houston Inds	23.25	+0.125
Humana	20.125	-0.25
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IBM	127.625	-1.875
Illinova Corp	26.625	-0.125
Illinois Tool	71.375	+0.375
INCO	29.375	+0
Ingersoll Rand	44.75	-0.25
Inland Steel	16.75	+0.5
Intel Corp	112.625	+0.125
Intergraph	10.9375	+0.0625
Interlake	3.75	+0.125
Intl Fraly Ess	17.375	-0.375
Intl Flav & Fr	42.375	-0.125
Intl Multifoods	15.875	-0.25
Intl Paper	42.25	+0.25
Interpublic	48.125	+0
ITT Corp	42.875	+0.125
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James River Bs	28.125	-0.375
Jefferson Plt	58	+0
Johnson & J	51.25	+0
K Mart	10.5	+0.375
Kaiser Alum	11.125	+0.125
Kellogg	67.375	+0.5
KLA Instruments	23.625	-0.625
Kennametal	34.625	+0.125
Kerr-McGee	63	+0.5
KeyCorp	44.375	+0.125
Kimberly-Clark	85	-0.625
King World Prod	37.5	-0.25
Knight Ridder	39.375	+0.125
Kroger	43.625	+2.375
LSI Logic	25.625	+0.125
Leggett & Platt	30	+0
Leucadia Natl	23.75	-0.375
Lilly (Eli)	68.75	-1.125
Limited Inc	19.875	+0
Linear Technol	35.625	-4.5
Lincoln Natl	46.375	+0.125
Litton	47.75	-0.75
Liz Claiborne	42.125	+3
Lockheed Corp	93.875	-1.25
Loews Corp	81.25	+1.5
Lone Star	33.875	+0
Long Island Lt	18.375	-0.125
Longs Drug Strs	43.125	-0.125
Loral Corp	18.5	-0.125
Louisiana Land	56.875	+0.75
Louisiana Pacif	21.625	+0
Lowe's Co Inc	40.875	-0.375
Lucent Tech	48.5	+1.5
Lubrizol	29.375	+0.25
MCI Commun	24.5	-0.625
Mallinckrodt	42.875	+0.375
Manor Care	41.125	+1
Mapco Inc	31.25	+0.5
Marriott	59.875	+0.875
Marsh & McLn	100.375	+0.5
Martin Marietta	170	+1
Marvel	5	-0.125
Masco Corp	30	+1
Massmutual Corp	36.375	-0.25
Mattel Inc	27.75	[illegible]
Maytag Corp	20.625	[illegible]
McDermott	17.625	-0.125
McDonalds	45.625	-0.875
McDonnell Dgls	53.75	+0.25
McGraw Hill	45.125	+0.375
McKesson Corp	50.25	+1.25
Mead Corp	55.75	+1.25
Medtronic	63.875	-0.875
Mellon Bk	62.75	+0
Melville Corp	44	0
Mentor Graphics	9.25	-0.1875
Mercantile Strs	51.75	+0
Merck Inc	72	+0.75
Meredith Corp	49.25	-1
Merrill Lynch	68.75	-0.25
Micron Technol	31.375	+0.75
Microsoft Corp	138	-0.875
Millipore	37	+0.125
Mine Safety App	50.625	+0
Minnesota Mine	72.125	+1.125
Mitchell Energy	20.5	-0.5
Mobil Corp	118	-0.5
Mobile Telecom	14.625	-0.5625
Molex Inc	35	+1.5
Monarch Macht	1.75	-0.125
Monsanto	41.375	-1.125
Morgan (JP)	82.875	+0.375
Morton Intl	40.875	-0.125
Motorola Inc	49.125	+1.25
Murphy Oil	50	+0.25
Nacco Inds	47.375	+0.125
Nalco Chemical	35.875	-0.375
Nashua Corp	13.25	+0
Natl City Corp	42	-0.125
Natl Semi	19.375	-0.25
Natl Serv Ind	35.375	+0.5
NatWest Bank	66.875	+0.125
Navistar Int	9.375	+0.125
Netscape	45.5	+1.25
New England El	33.875	+0.125
News Corp	22.875	+0.25
NY State El Gas	21.875	+0
NY Times A	35	+0
Newmont Mining	46.875	+0
Niag Mohawk	8.375	+0
Nicor Inc	34.5	+0.125
Nike Inc	121.125	+1.25
NL Industries	10.125	+0
Noble Affil	43.375	-0.875
Nordstrom	38.875	+0.375
Norfolk Southrn	93.75	-1.25
Northeast Util	10.25	-0.5
Novell	10.375	-0.25
Nthn States Pwr	48.5	+0.25
Northrop	78.875	+0.5
Norwest Corp	42.375	+0
NBI	17	+0.125
Nynex Corp	44.5	+1.625
Occidental Pet	24.875	+0.375
Ogden Corp	18	+0
OEA	37.5	+0.125
Ohio Casualty	34.5	+0
Ohio Edison	20.125	+0.125
Olin Corp	88.25	+0
Omnicom Group	47	+0.125
Oneok Inc	27.75	+0.25
Oracle Systems	44.5	-0.25
Oryx Energy Co	19.5	+0.375
Oshkosh B'gosh	14.75	+0
Outboard Marine	16.125	-0.125
Overseas Ship	16.375	+0.25
Owens Corning	37.125	+0.125
PHH Group	31.125	+1.125
PNC Financial	35	+0.375
PPG Industries	55.875	+0.75
Paccar Inc	56	+2.25
Pacificorp	21.5	+0
Pac Enterprises	31.75	-0.375
Pac Gas & Elect	23.625	-0.25
Pac Telesis	34.6563	+1.28125
Pall Corp	26	-0.5
Panh Eastern	39.375	+0.125
Parker Drilling	6.875	+0.5
Parker Hannifin	38	+1
Penney (JC)	54.5	+1.125
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22.625	-0.125
Pennzoil	55.375	-0.375
People's Energy	34.125	+0.625
Pepsico	29.25	+0.5
Perkin Elmer	55.5	-0.125
Pfizer	83.25	-0.5
Pharmacia & Upj	36.375	-0.625
Phelps Dodge	62.875	+0
Philadel Elec	24.375	+0.25
Philip Morris	95.875	+1.875
Phillips Elec	35.5	-0.375
Phillips Pet	41.875	-0.625
Pioneer Hi Bred	66.125	-0.25
Pitney Bowes	55.125	+0.875
Policy Mgt Sys	35.5	+0.375
Polycom	6	-0.5
Potash Corp	74	-0.125
Potomac El Pwr	25	+0
Procter & Gamble	98	-0.75
Pub Svc Enterpr	27.125	+0
Pug Snd Pwr	23.125	+0.25
Quaker Oats	36.75	-0.25
Qualcom	37.75	-0.375
Quanex Corp	27.25	-0.375
RJR Nabisco	28	+0.25
Ralston Purina	68.625	-0.125
Rank Organ ADR	14.125	-0.25
Raychem Corp	70.5	-1.125
Raytheon	49.125	+1.25
Reebok Intl	33.125	+0.125
Reynolds Reyn A	25.75	-0.375
Reynolds Metals	55.25	-0.75
Rite Aid Corp	33.25	-0.25
RoadwayServices	18.375	+0
Rockwell Intl	55.625	+0
Rohm & Haas	57.125	+1.5
Rohr Industries	18.875	+1.375
Rouse	26.5	-0.25
Rowan	21.25	+0.25
Royal Dutch	164.875	-0.375
Rubbermaid	24.375	-0.125
Ruddick	12.875	+0.25
Russell Corp	28.75	+0.25
Ryder System	29	-0.125
Rymer Co	0.5625	-0.0625
SPS Technology	60.25	-0.75
Safeco Corp	36.875	+0.375
Safety-Kleen	[illegible]	-0.25
St Paul's Cos	56	-0.5
Salomon Inc	47.875	+0.125
San Diego Gas	22.5	+0
Sara Lee Corp	38.5	+0.125
Schering Plough	64.25	-0.75
Schlumberger	94.25	+2.875
Scientif Atlanta	17.75	+0.375
Scripps	48.625	-0.125
Seagate Tech	66.875	-0.375
Seagram	35.75	+0.25
Sears Roebuck	50.5	+2
Sensormatic Elec	17	+0.25
Service Corp I	29	-0.125
Service Master	25.75	-0.125
Shared Medical	56	-2.25
Shell Trans	98.875	+0.125
Sherwin Wlms	52.25	+1.375
Shoney's Inc	8.75	-0.25
Sigma Aldrich	58.5	+0.75
Silicon Graphics	22	-0.25
Skyline Corp	28	-0.25
Smith Intl	40	-0.125
SmKline Bchm A	62.625	+0.25
Snap-On-Tools	33.625	-0.25
Sonat	45.125	-0.875
Sonoco Prods	27.25	-0.125
Sony Corp ADR	63.625	-0.125
Southdown	26.25	+0.25
Southern Co	22.125	+0.125
Stn N. Eng Tel	37.875	+1.375
Southw Airlines	22.25	+0.25
Southwestn Bell	49.5	+1.75
Spring Inds	43.25	+0.125
Sprint Corp	39.875	-0.375
Standard Prods	24.5	-0.25
Stanley Works	27.5	+0.25
Stone Container	14.5	-0.125
Storage Technol	42.375	+0.625
Stratus Comp	25.25	+0.625
Sun America	3.5	+0
Sun Company	25	+0.5
Sundstrand	40.5	+0
Sun Microsystems	63.125	-8.875
Suntrust	43.25	-0.125
Supervalu	28.875	+0.125
Symantec	11.625	+0.25
Sysco Corp	33.375	+0.75
TJX Cos Inc	42	+1.125
TRW Inc	89.625	-1.5
Tambrands	43	+0
Tandem Comp	11.875	+0
Tandy Corp	40	+0
Telecom Corp	13	-0.5
Temple Inland	49.5	-0.75
Tenneco	48.625	-0.125
Teradyne	18.125	-0.75
Tesoro Pet	13.75	+0
Texaco	100.5	+0
Texas Instruments	53.875	-1.25
Texas Utilities	39.125	-0.25
Textron	88.25	+0.75
Thiokol	43.75	-0.375
Thomas & Betts	39.5	+0.25
ThreeCom	64.875	-1.25
Time Warner	41.875	+1
Times-Mirror	44.125	-0.625
Timken	39.875	+0.375
Torchmark	47.875	-0.125
Tosco Corp	55.25	-1.125
Total Pet N Am	9.875	-0.125
Toys R Us	32	+0.75
Transamerica	70.75	-0.75
Transco Energy	8.25	+7.25
Travellers Grp	52.75	+0
Tribune	81	+0.75
TRINOVA Corp	30	-0.375
Triton Energy	46.5	-0.125
TWA	8.9375	-0.0625
Tyco Labs	47.125	+2
Tyler	1.5	+0
UAL Corp	44.75	-0.625
USG Corp	29	-0.125
UST Inc	29.75	+0.125
USX Marathon	23	-0.125
USX-US Steel	27.875	+0
Unicom Corp	25.125	-0.125
Unilever NV	87	+0
Union Camp	47.375	-0.75
Union Carbide	43.5	+0.375
Union Electric	37.25	+0.125
Union Pacific	51.375	+1.25
Unisys Corp	7.25	+0
USAIR Group	16.25	+0
USF&G Corp	18.125	+0.125
US Home	21	-0.125
US Life	30.375	-0.125
US Robotics	77.625	-0.375
US Surgical	44.875	+0
US Trust	61.75	+0
US West	32.25	+1
United Tech	124	+1.75
Unocal Corp	37.375	-0.625
VF Corp	62.625	+2.875
Valero Energy	[illegible]	-0.375
Varian Assoc	46.75	-0.875
Viacom Inc	34.375	+0.625
Vishay	20.625	-0.25
Vulcan Materials	63.625	+0.375
Wachovia	46.5	-0.125
Walgreen	37.375	+0.625
Wal-Mart Stores	27.125	+0.25
Warner-Lambert	64.875	-0.625
Wash Gas Light	21.375	-0.375
Washington Post	333.5	-3.5
Waste Mgmt Inc	34	+0
Watkins-Johnson	19.875	-0.25
Weis Markets	31.25	+0
Wells Fargo	255.75	+5.5
Wendy's Intl	22.5	-0.125
Westinghouse El	18.25	-0.375
Westvaco	28.5	+0
Weyerhaeuser	45.5	-0.25
Whirlpool	49	+0.625
Whitman	24.125	+0.5
Willamette Ind	64	-0.25
Williams Co	53.125	+0.375
Winn Dixie Strs	32.875	-0.5
Woolworth	21.5	+0.25
WorldCommunications	22	-0.5
Worthington Ind	20.875	+0
Wrigley	60.375	+0.625
Xerox	58.5	+0
Yellow Freight	11.875	+0
Zenith Electron	15.5	-0.5
Zero Co	20.125	+0

LONDON

Name	Price	chg
Allied Dom...	482.5	+23
BAT Inds	442.5	-8
BT	348	-8.5
BTR	282.5	-3.5
Barclays	975.5	-0.5
Bass	778.5	+0
Boots	641.5	-0.5
British Airways	582	-7
British Gas	182.5	+3.5
General Electric	388.5	-12
Grand Met	486	+1
Glaxo	982.5	-10.5
Guiness	453	+7
HSBC (75p shs)	1273.5	-5.5
Hanson	86.5	+1
ICI	801.5	-19.5
Land Securities	711	-4.5
Lloyds Bank	404	-4.5
Marks & Spencer	518.5	-6.5
NatWest Bank	686	-9
Prudential	474.5	+1
Reuters	773	-3
Sainsbury	356.5	+0
Shell Transport	1033	-8.5
Unilever	1346.5	-13

PARIS

Name	Price	chg
Accor	840	-8
Air Liquide	792	-8
Alcatel Alsthom	453.7	+10.8
BSN	750	-1
Canal	1230	-5
Carrefour	2819	-38
Chargeurs	-	
Club Med	393.9	-1.1
Cred Lyon (CI)	150	+3
Elf Aquitaine	412.7	+3.7
Euro Disney	10.8	+0.15
LVMH	1149	+2
Lafarge Coppee	303.1	-6.9
Lyonn Eaux	488.6	+3.8
Michelin B	257	-2
Moulinex	98.5	-3
Paribas	381	-1.2
Pernod Ricard	277.5	-2.5
Peugeot	582	-14
Saint Gobain	686	-6
Total B	414	-2.6

FRANKFURT

Name	Price	chg
Allianz AG	1050	-10
BASF	48.86	-0.08
Bayer	58.82	-0.07
Commerzbank	12	-0.9
Daimler-Benz	87.35	+0.7
Deutsche Bank	70.75	-0.65
Dresdner Bk	39.17	-0.78
Hoechst	59.21	+0.01
Lufthansa	21.4	-0.08
Mannesmann	585.2	-0.8
Metallgesellschaft	29.15	-0.58
Porsche	1113	+18
Siemens	80.47	-1.11
Volkswagen	590.2	+6.45

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Stocks gain on low inflation, rate-cut hopes

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ

186.96 +2.04% **Two-Sided Index**

196.92 +1.82% **Maof Index**

TEL AVIV – Stocks gained for a second day, rising amid expectations a lower-than-expected inflation report for September may prompt the Bank of Israel to reduce interest rates.

Stocks were also boosted by optimism the peace process may be progressing, particularly with an agreement on a troop withdrawal from Hebron in the works.

"There's the feeling that there could be political developments," said Shachar Gazit, a trader with Tel Aviv investment firm Batuach Securities & Investments.

The Maof Index rose 1.82 percent to 196.92 and the Mishtanim Index rose 2.04% to 186.96.

Gains were led for a second day by Koor Industries Ltd., which rose 2.75%.

Lower interest rates would trigger a devaluation in the shekel, which would make Koor's products, and those of other exporters, cheaper for foreign buyers.

The September CPI, announced after the exchange had closed Tuesday, showed prices rose a lower than expected 0.4% in the month, bringing inflation in the first nine months of the year to 8.2%.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel is expected to reduce rates interest rates at some point. A report the bank released yesterday showed industrial activity in the economy is slowing. (Bloomberg)

European stock rally fizzles as US market slips

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – This week's record run by European bourses fizzled yesterday after US inflation figures failed to reignite the buying spree and Wall Street slipped.

All three big European stock markets -- London, Paris and Frankfurt – ended well down following peaks on Tuesday.

The dollar also closed slightly lower in Europe as mark short-covering took its toll on recent star currencies like the Italian lira and British pound.

London stocks, already pressured by downbeat economic news, perked up only for a short while after the US data before resuming their decline.

The FTSE 100 index of leading shares ended down 26.4 points at 4,024.4 after stronger-than-expected unemployment and earnings numbers, together with a strong rise in public borrowing combined to weigh on the market.

The British data brought home the realization that interest rates would have to go up, said Andy Hartwill, strategist at SocGen in London. "This market is being driven by the perpetual hope that interest-rate increases are something you read about in fairy stories."

French shares fell as Wall Street turned down, consolidating after reaching a year high on Tuesday.

The blue-chip CAC-40 index ended down 9.76 points, or 0.45 percent, at 2,158.52. The CAC-40 futures contract was down at 2,157 from 2,172 on Tuesday's close.

German shares closed bourse dealings lower as players took profits following record highs reached on Tuesday.

The DAX index of Germany's 30 leading shares ended down 13.55 points, or 0.5%, to 2,714.90, retreating from the record high of 2,728.64 reached briefly on Tuesday.

Dow rises as investors shrug off inflation concerns

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — US stocks ended higher yesterday, rebounding with bonds late in the session as investors shrugged off some inflation worries and disappointment that several strong earnings reports were not even better.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 16.03 points to close at 6,020.81, having erased a 35-point drop that temporarily yanked the blue-chip barometer below 6,000 for the second straight session.

Broad-market measures were mostly higher, but the technology-heavy Nasdaq market finished lower amid profit-taking on the recent gains in computer-related shares.

Stocks were pressured most of the session by rising interest rates in the bond market.

Bonds fell after a report showing that consumer prices rose 0.3% in September. The increase in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index followed a benign 0.1% advance in August.

Stocks have been rallying over the past two months amid indications that economic growth is slowing enough to contain inflationary pressures such as rising production costs without an interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve.

New York Stock Exchange volume totaled 440.40 million shares, vs. 458.88 million in the previous session.

The Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.85 to 704.42, and the NYSE's composite index rose 0.93 to 374.53.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 7.12 to 1,250.98, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 0.87 to 576.52.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

R	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.4101/03	72.91/94	0.8236/39	3.3822/27
STERLING	2.4373/83	*	177.72/84	2.0075/89	8.2406/11
YEN	1.3707/18	0.5623/27	*	1.1291/01	4.6349/14
SFr	121.35/44	0.4978/81	88.50/55	—	4.1033/88
FFr	0.2955/58	0.1212/14	21.54/59	0.2434/37	—

Prices from 23:00 local time

Beckham, Cantona steer United to victory

ISTANBUL (Reuter) – Manchester United took a significant step towards the quarter-finals of the European Cup with a well-worked 2-0 win over Fenerbache yesterday.

Goals by David Beckham after 55 minutes and their French skipper Eric Cantona five minutes later ended United's recent bad run of away form in Europe and more importantly moved them to within a point of Champions League Group C leaders Juventus, which drew 1-1 with Rapid Vienna.

"It's been a good night for us," said a relieved United coach Alex Ferguson. "I think we've learned from our opening match when we lost 1-0 to Juventus in Turin, and expressed ourselves throughout the whole game."

The Fenerbahce camp was downcast.

"It is very difficult now (for us to go any further in the competition)," said the team's Brazilian coach Sebastiao Lazaroni. "In such situations you must not give the opponents any opportunities, we gave them two gifts."

United, which was famously intimidated by Galatasaray's vociferous fans on two visits to Turkey in 1993 and 1994, killed off the fans' passions with a slow, cautious, approach in the first half.

Their cause was not helped in a hostile atmosphere, with United complaining to UEFA officials after the Turkish public address announcer played strident music and chants during the first half, trying to whip the fans.

But United kept its cool and countered in the second half with Beckham's opener after 55 minutes.

Ronny Johnsen's tackle on Nigerian "Jay Jay" Okocha in United's half released the ball to Cantona, who swept it forward into Ole Solskjaer's path as United caught the Turks light at the back.

He drew both defenders to him then freed Beckham to his right for the 21-year-old to drill his right-foot shot past goalkeeper Rustu Recber.

The Turks were still reeling when Solskjaer's back-heel put in Jordi Cruyff on the left, a low cross presenting his French skipper with a simple tap-in from six yards – only the fifth goal of his European career.

Fenerbahce, which began the match brightly, has now virtually lost any chance of going through to the next stage of the after losing at home to Juventus and drawing away at Rapid Vienna.

Group A
In Auxerre: Auxerre (France) 1, Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) 0 (1-0). Scorer: Thomas Deniaud 42.

In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 4, Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1 (2-0). Scorers: Ajax – Dani 25 and 41, Tijani Babangida 83, Nordin Wooter 90. Rangers – Ian Durrant 88.

Group B
In Madrid: Atletico Madrid (Spain) 0, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 (0-0). Scorer: Stefan Reuter 50.

In Bucharest: Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 1, Widzew Lodz (Poland) 0 (0-0). Scorer: Daniel Bogusz 82, own goal.

Group C
In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1 Juventus (Italy) 1 (1-1). Scorers: Rapid Vienna – Andrzej Lesiak 20. Juventus – Christian Vieri 9.

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0, Manchester United (England) 2 (0-0). Scorers: David Beckham 55, Eric Cantona 80.

Group D
In Gothenburg: IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 1 (0-0). Scorers: Gothenburg – Erik Wahlstedt 74, Niclas Alexandersson 84. Milan – George Weah 52.

In Trondheim: Rosenborg Trondheim (Norway) 0, Porto (Portugal) 1 (0-0). Scorer: Mario Jardell 90.



UPSETTING NEWS – South Africa's Marcus Ondruska beat third seed Felix Mantilla from Spain, 7-5, 6-4. (Brian Hendler)

Welgreen falls to Sanchez in straight sets

HEATHER CHAIT

NIR Welgreen was the last Israeli to compete in this year's Eisenberg Israel Open in Ramat Hasharon but his first round defeat yesterday was nothing if not bold.

Welgreen, ranked 229 in the world, went out on court, determined to play aggressively even against fourth-seeded Javier Sanchez from Spain, ranked 46.

Welgreen was beaten 6-4, 6-3 in 68 minutes but the 19-year-old player displayed a variety of strokes and imagination that shows clearly why in the latest ATP rankings he has shot up to become Israel's No. 2 player, behind Eyal Ran.

Sanchez played his evergreen attractive tennis, keeping his opponent under pressure, but Welgreen was not about to be intimidated even as the Spaniard raced to the net and executed accurate passing shots.

Sanchez, 10 years Welgreen's senior, had the clear edge during both sets but Welgreen looks set to be a prominent force in Israeli tennis.

After the game Welgreen was clear about his game. "I wanted to win, I wasn't interested in being a sucker. I had my chances and I could have played better."

Welgreen expressed the opinion that by year's end, he should enter the world's top 200 players.

Top seed Malivai Washington once again hardly worked up a sweat against German qualifier Martin Sinner. The American, world No. 13, broke serve twice in the first set and again in the second for an effortless 6-1, 6-4 victory.

Sinner, who had knocked Noam Behr out of the tournament, did little right, hitting wild balls in every direction except on court.

Washington directed the game with the finese of a conductor, moving the shots with his quintessential grace.

Although Sinner revived towards the end and broke serve, Washington eventually needed less than one hour to finish the work and be swallowed up by the throng of children, seeking his autograph.

The upset of the day came from Marcus Ondruska of South Africa who beat third seed Felix Mantilla from Spain 7-5, 6-4.

In other singles play, fifth-seeded Argentine Hernan Gumy defeated Richard Fromberg from Australia 6-4, 7-5 and South African Grant Stafford, the winner of this year's Jerusalem Open, beat Gustavo Kuerten from Brazil 6-4, 6-3.

In doubles play, qualifiers Amir Hadad and Harel Levy upset Ran and Clinton Ferreira in a prolonged 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 triumph.

Today's singles schedule (play begins at 2 pm) – Stadium: 4-Javier Sanchez (Spain) v. Sargis Sargsian (Armenia), Johan van Herck (Belgium) v. 2-Albert Costa (Spain).

Court 14: 8-Scott Draper (Australia) v. Nicolas Pereira (Venezuela), Marcello Filippini (Uruguay) v. 6-Javier Frana (Argentina).

Maccabi hoping to cope with accurate Ulker and its crazy crowd

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

MACCABI Tel Aviv's Euro League game tonight vs. Ulker Istanbul (first half 4:45 pm on ITV's Channel 3, second half on Channel 1, 5:30 pm.) won't exactly be be a Turkish delight.

A large, boisterous crowd is expected and it will one more factor in the game against Ulker, which at 2-2 has caused some problems for even the toughest teams in Maccabi's bracket.

The good news is that Ulker comes off an 84-80 loss to Limoges last week. The bad news is that, even though they were playing away, the Turks controlled the backboards and almost stole another victory. At home tonight before their very loud supporters, they should prove a tough nut for coach Zvi Scherf's squad to crack.

There are some familiar faces on Ulker, chiefly foreigner Daniel Godfread, who averaged 17.8 points per game for Barcelona last season, and shot 40.5 percent from behind the arc. He hasn't been as effective this year, however, scoring just 15.5 a game, and is only 2-8 from long range in Ulker's four Euro League games. Against Limoges, he was limited to 11 points, but he remains a dangerous scorer.

Ulker's other foreigner, Teoman Alibegovic, is in trouble with Ulker, which is considering replacing him thanks to last week's disappointing four points vs. Limoges in 26 minutes. Alibegovic (10.5 ppg) has been a disappointment all season, and has only averaged about 20 minutes a game, but may rise to the occasion to save his spot on the roster. Last year, with Alba Berlin, he averaged 21.7 in European competition.

The other starters include point guard Orhun Ene (five assists per game, 13.3 ppg and 54.5% from three-points), Serdar Apaydin and Haluk Yildirim, the latter two the premier three-point specialists on a club that loves to put it up from far, far out. Apaydin (46.2% can shoot the lights out of an arena, and the club is 32-80 from long range this Euro League season.

Another player to watch out for is naturalized American Kevin Rankin, the club's leading rebounder who had 21 points and 10 boards against Limoges. Shooting guard Harun Erdenay (11.8 ppg) also likes to let it fly, and has hit 9-16 so far this year from long range.

Although reserve center Constantin Popa may miss the game with a foot injury and Maccabi's Buck Johnson is also nursing an injury, Macabbi still hopes its superior inside game will overcome the Turkish side, which bases its attack largely on outside shooting. However, to do so, Randy White, who fouled out of Maccabi's last two Euro League games, will have to prove he can stay in the game until the end.

For Maccabi, Doron Sheffer appears to be coming into his own as point guard, and made all the difference last week. Scherf should try to keep him on the court as much as possible, and must find minutes for Brad Leaf, who continues to be one of Maccabi's most productive players in Euro League play.

Nadav Henefeld also needs to continue his contributions on offense, which have been so vital in Maccabi's recent European success.

If Maccabi can successfully defend against the three-point crazy Turks and overcome the crowd noise, they should stay atop their Euro League group.

In other Group A action, CSKA Moscow plays Limoges and Stefanel Milan plays Panionois.

GROUP A

Team	W	L	Pts
Maccabi Tel Aviv	3	1	7
Stefanel Milan	3	1	7
Panionios	2	2	6
Ulker	2	2	6
CSKA Moscow	1	3	5
Limoges	1	3	5

Israeli fencer cuts through all opposition

LOCAL SCENE
HEATHER CHAIT

AT only 18, fencer Tomer Or already has a gold medal to his name. Or, from Hapoel Haifa, won the series of World Cup tournaments (until age 21) held in Germany in the saber discipline event.

Or's record was 11 wins and one defeat, competing against 200 fencers from 15 countries. In the semifinal, Or beat a Belgian fencer and in the final, he subdued the favorite fencer from Germany 15-9.

On target

Chani Kashensky was right on target when she smashed two national shooting records at the Hapoel Championships over the weekend. Firing a standard rifle, Kashensky bettered the standing record by two points and the kneeling position also by two points for an overall score of 677 points.

Rabin's racket

And the winner is ... Joyce Eisenberg. At a gala evening to mark the Israel Tennis Center's 20th birthday, Eisenberg, here for the tournament she sponsors, snapped up Yitzhak Rabin's tennis racket which was on auction. The philanthropic Eisenberg promptly handed over the sum of $15,000 she paid for the item to the ITC.

Coming to wrestle

Finally, company for Gucca. Moshe Ivayev, the world youth champion in the freestyle wrestling event is set to make aliyah. Ivayev, from Azerbaijan, won the world youth championships (until 18 years) in the 52kg category.

How low can you go?

Tour de Sdom, the mountain bike race at the lowest place on earth, will be held this year on November 9. There will be two routes, a competitive 22kilometer race and 14-kilometer family course, and a there will be prerace glimpse of the routes that will be offered on October 26.

For more details, call 07-6594422.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL – Last night's results, European Cup: Hapoel Jerusalem 86, New Wave Goteborg 77; BC Plama (Bulgaria) 91, Hapoel Galil Elyon 85.

Korac Cup: Maccabi Rishon Lezion 94, UPS Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 69; Varna (Bulgaria) 98, Bnei Herzliya 73.

Rabkin beats world bowls champion

NORMAN SPIRO

JEFF Rabkin made up for his defeat in the World Championship final yesterday by convincingly beating World Champion Tony Allcock 25-7 in the first bowls Test match against England at the Kfar Hamaccabiah Club.

While Allcock did not produce his usual scintillating form, full credit must be given to Rabkin for an outstanding performance of precision drawing and countsaving shots.

England's world championship fours team of Andy Thomson, John Bell, David Cutler and Brett Morely won 22-21 against Cecil Bransky, Haim Miller, Raymond Sher and Yair Lieberthal – the Israeli squad coming back strong from 20-10 down at the 17th end against the powerful English side.

In the pairs game, Rabkin and Miller kept level with 15-all at the 14th end against Thomson (a world indoors singles and pairs champion) and Cutler – the English pair then finishing strong for a 26-22 win.

The trips game saw Allcock-Bell and Morley in unbeatable form for a 34-13 win against Bransky, Sher and Lieberthal.

The second Test Match will be at Ra'anana on Saturday preceded tomorrow by a singles round robin tournament – also at Ra'anana.

La Russa, Cox take heat for 'bad decisions'

ATLANTA (AP) – Make a shaky decision in the ninth inning in May, and it's no great sin.

Make the same move in October, and a manager might hear about it forever.

Red Sox fans still can't believe John McNamara did not pull Bill Buckner for a defensive replacement in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series. Phillies fans keep wanting to know why Jim Fregosi insisted on bringing in Mitch Williams in the '93 Series.

No surprise. Bobby Cox of Atlanta and Tony La Russa of St. Louis have gotten their share of skewering during the NL championship series.

La Russa was criticized for failing to order a bunt in Game 1, which his Cardinals eventually lost.

Cox was barbed for benching Ryan Klesko, who hit 34 home runs this season, in place of 19-year-old Andrew Jones in a Game 3 loss. He also was hammered for not sacrificing after a leadoff double in the last inning in the Braves' one-run loss in Game 4.

La Russa is accustomed to all of the second-guessing.

"If it doesn't work out at this time of the season, someone is going to say you should have done something else," La Russa said. "You understand that. If you don't like it, go manage a semipro team."

Despite any complaints, Cox and La Russa have enjoyed plenty of success.

Cox was set to tie Casey Stengel last night for the most postseason games managed in baseball history at 63. Then again, Stengel got all of his in the World Series, but Cox has guided the Braves to five straight postseason appearances.

Cox ranked No. 1 for most wins in league championship series with 19. La Russa, whose teams have won six division titles, was tied for second with Sparky Anderson with 18 victories.

NLCS
Last night: St. Louis at Atlanta
Today: St. Louis at Atlanta, 8:11 pm (EDT), if necessary
(St. Louis leads series 3-2)

Dallas Stars keep rolling along

DALLAS (Reuter) – The surprising Dallas Stars just keep on winning with the high-powered Detroit Red Wings their latest victims.

Jere Lehtinen and Sergei Zubov scored 17 seconds apart in the second period and Arturs Irbe made 32 saves as the Stars skated to a 3-1 victory Tuesday, their sixth in as many games.

Guy Carbonneau added a goal and an assist for the Stars, who have outscored their opponents 23-11 and are off to their best start in franchise history, a league-best 6-0-0.

Irbe allowed only Darren McCarty's goal at 9:09 of the first period. Dallas responded with three second-period goals, ending an 11-game winless streak against Detroit.

"It's not hard to play behind a defense like that," Irbe said. "The defense and forwards gave me a clear look at a lot of shots and I even had a second to recover on deflections."

Lehtinen deflected Derian Hatcher's wrist shot from the top of the right faceoff circle past Mike Vernon at 7:12 of the second.

Seventeen seconds later Zubov, who was acquired from Pittsburgh in the off-season, broke a 1-1 deadlock by firing a wrist shot from the blue line over Vernon's left shoulder for his first goal for Dallas.

Guy Carbonneau completed the scoring just over seven minutes later.

"It's special to come away with a win like that against one of the top teams," Irbe said.

The loss was a costly one for Detroit. Steve Yzerman left the game in the third period after getting hit in the face with a stick. Tim Taylor went out in the first with a shoulder injury and Igor Larionov left with a groin injury.

Lightning 4, Sabres 0

Dino Ciccarelli scored twice and Corey Schwab turned aside 22 shots for his first NHL shutout.

Schwab faced just six shots in the second period and seven in the third from a weak Buffalo attack that has scored only three goals in its last four games.

Devils 3, Canadiens 2

Valeri Zelepukin had a goal and two assists and Martin Brodeur made 28 saves as the host Devils held on to win.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	3	0	1	7	15	4
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	6	17	13
New Jersey	2	2	0	4	9	10
Philadelphia	2	4	0	4	12	17
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	2	4	10	7
N.Y. Rangers	1	3	2	4	15	21
Washington	1	3	0	2	14	16
Northeast Division						
Montreal	2	1	2	6	22	17
Boston	2	1	1	5	16	16
Hartford	2	1	0	4	8	9
Ottawa	1	1	2	4	11	11
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	2	11	16
Buffalo	1	4	0	2	6	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	6	0	0	12	23	11
Phoenix	3	2	0	6	16	12
St. Louis	3	2	0	6	14	13
Chicago	3	3	0	6	15	13
Detroit	2	3	0	4	11	9
Toronto	1	3	0	2	11	15
Pacific Division						
Edmonton	4	3	0	8	19	20
Colorado	3	2	1	7	24	16
Calgary	3	3	0	6	12	12
Los Angeles	3	3	0	6	21	23
Vancouver	2	3	0	4	13	13
Anaheim	1	2	2	4	17	20
San Jose	1	3	1	3	13	23

TUESDAY'S RESULTS:
Tampa Bay 4, Buffalo 0
New Jersey 3, Montreal 2
Chicago 3, Toronto 1
Dallas 3, Detroit 1
Colorado 7, Edmonton 2
Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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THE young and vibrant Jerusalem Quartet opens this season's concerts of young musicians at the Jerusalem Music Center tomorrow at noon playing Brahms's first and Bartok's sixth quartets. Most recommended, and those who cannot attend can hear the live broadcast on the Voice of Music radio network.

Also in Jerusalem the Israel Flute Quartet, comprising Uri Shoham, Er'ela Talmi, Lior Eitan and Eyal Ein-Habar perform selections by Mozart, Gluck and others Saturday (11 a.m.) at the Targ Center in Ein Kerem. Most recommended.

The Latvian Ave Sol Choir performs an a-cappella program Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum before joining the Israel Camerata Jerusalem series of concerts next week.

Joseph Halperin leads the opening concerts of the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba's Classikal series conducting suites by Bach, Respighi, Debussy and De Falla Saturday and Tuesday in Beersheba, Monday in Kiryat Gat and Wednesday in Ashkelon (8:30).



Claudio Abbado conducts Janacek's opera 'From the House of The Dead' on the Discovery Channel.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

THE THIRD International Dance Competition officially opens today at Tel Aviv's Suzanne Dellal Center with *A Sainte Rita* by the Pal Frenak Co. of France at 7 p.m.; *The Rogue Tool* by Paul Norton and danced by Batsheva with *El Escote*, Roxana Grinstein's work and Argentine company at 10 p.m. Tomorrow it's *Parade* from the Kibbutz Dance Company at 1:30 p.m. and at 10 is *Love in Pieces* from Spain's Pedro Berdayes. Saturday's offerings start at 11:30 a.m. with *Versus* from Brazil's Quasar dancers, and Ido Tadmor's *Cell* at 5 p.m. At 9 the Alix Riga company from Belgium offers *Two Two with Dervishing* by Jose Luis Bustamente, and Noa Dar's *Lachrymosa*. All shows are on the main stage.

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FRANZ Jackson is literally a Grand Old Man of jazz. At 85 he's still playing the old music on the clarinet and saxophone as freshly and energetically as he did in the '20s and the '30s and the '40s and right up to now. He sings too, in the same growly bass as Armstrong, and he played with him back then. He's at the Tel Aviv Museum at 9 tonight.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

MUSICAL theater to be precise as mezzo-soprano Melisse Lewine-Boskovich and pianist Anat Sharon present *From Mom with Love*, an evening of showtunes from Gershwin to Sondheim and from *Oklahoma* to *A Little Night Music*. It's at Cafe Yuval, Yad Labanim, Ramat Hasharon, tomorrow at 9:30 p.m. Info: 09-653747.

TELEVISION

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

LEOS Janacek's *From the House of The Dead* is a taut opera which deals with life and death through dark and light symbolism. Based on Dostoevsky's novel, this 90-minute musical drama is one of the most powerful 20th-century operas and can be seen in a stunning and mesmerizing production form the 1992 Salzburg Festival conducted by Claudio Abbado with a first-rate cast headed by Nicolai Ghiaurov, Philip Langridge, Heinz Zednik and Elzbieta Szmytka. A beguiling production with Eduardo Arroyo's captivating designs and Klaus Michael Gruber's commanding direction. Tonight (10) and tomorrow (6) on Channel 8.



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ACROSS

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...onsulting...state (7)

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...One trade setting a very ...high standard (5)

...4 None hurried to make port (4)

17 Staggers the salvage-collectors (7)

18 Drop parody (4,3)

19 Check a note on newspapers (7)

22 Being less encumbered, the French are in credit (7)

24 A biscuit for break? (4)

25 A jerk without work is the subject of discussion (5)

26 "Every —— a king." Shakespeare (King Lear) (4)

29 Sense men gain by making changes (7)

30 Figure the hack will appear in time (7)

31 Judges it's mad to keep personal records (13)

DOWN

2 The worker getting behind isn't troubled for a moment (7)

3 This should catch some reflection (4)

4 Quite unusual rose-red screen (7)

5 The accountants in the film calculated incorrectly (7)

6 Boxes or trays for containing type (4)

7 Directions to keep standard material for the paper (7)

8 Exciting tours made—even hazardous (13)

9 The bicycle provided for coppers at one time (5-8)

15 A number may be looked at—about five (5)

16 Heavens above! (5)

20 Restrained and content like a country person (7)

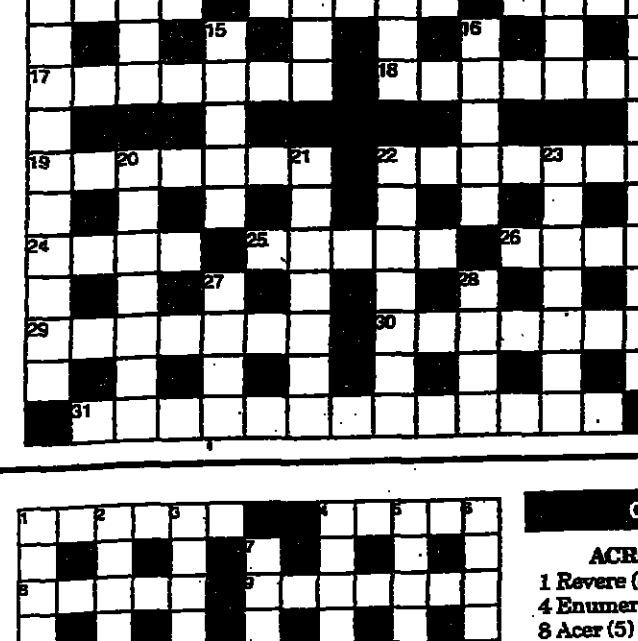
21 No thugs used a firearm (4-3)

22 Greek character set against alcoholic drink (7)

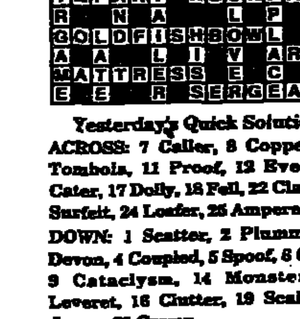
23 Regret holding vital material back, and withdraw (7)

27 Yarn connecting an army man with a politician (4)

28 A knot tier stood up (4)



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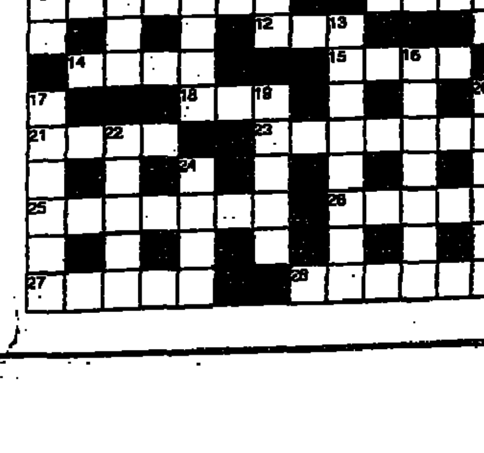


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ACROSS: 7 Caller, 8 Copper, 10 Tombola, 11 Proof, 12 Even, 13 Cater, 17 Dolly, 18 Fell, 22 Clam, 23 Surfeit, 24 Loafer, 25 Ampere.

DOWN: 1 Scatter, 2 Plummet, 3 Devon, 4 Coupled, 5 Spoof, 6 Craft, 9 Cataclysm, 14 Monster, 15 Leveret, 16 Clutter, 19 Scald, 20 Japan, 21 Cramp.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Revere (6)
4 Enumerate (5)
8 Acer (5)
9 Antagonistic (7)
10 Wash (7)
11 Biting insect (4)
12 Loiter (3)
14 Slender (4)
15 Curve (4)
18 Obtained (3)
21 Orient (4)
23 Correctly (7)
25 Insignificant (7)
26 Head ornament (5)
27 Majestic (5)
28 Stop (6)

DOWN

1 Discourse (6)
2 Sea-god (7)
3 Everlasting (8)
4 Price (4)
5 Combination (5)
6 Score (6)
7 Spin (5)
13 Hoodlum (8)
16 Small house (7)
17 Superior (6)
19 Warble (5)
20 Despot (6)
22 Oscillate (5)
24 Account (4)

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Cairo Geniza 8:30 Family Connections 9:00 Looking at Arithmetic 9:25 Learning to Read 9:45 Programs for young children 10:15 Around the Globe 10:30 Literature 11:00 Mathematics 11:10 Welcome to France 11:30 Life Sciences 11:45 Nature 12:30 Art 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:25 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gili 15:00 Autoto

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zap to 1 15:32 Video Force 15:50 The Adventures of Dodo 16:00 A Decade of Hoppa Hey 16:30 The Genie from Down Under 16:59 A New Evening 17:32 Basketball 18:25 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Meeting – current affairs 19:00 News in Arabic
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:31 The Simpsons 20:30 News 20:45 Hide in Plain Sight (1980) – a divorced father goes in search of his children who live with their remarried mother. Her second spouse is a petty crook. The family has to go into hiding when her first husband blows the whistle on the Mafia. Starring James Caan. (88 mins.) 22:15 Strong Arm of the Law 23:00 Basketball 23:30 News 00:00 Stories of the Good Land

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 Make a Wish 13:30 Super Duper 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Clipop 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 Open Cards 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Money Magazine 20:50 Bloopers with Yigal Shilon 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Exposé – weekly program on different aspects of Israeli society presented by Micha Limor 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two 00:30 A Rebel and a Gentleman 1:45 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

14:05 Iris and Ovid and the Gang 14:30 Take Your Pick 15:00 Covington Cross 15:30 Feature Film 17:00 News Flash 17:01 Feature Film, continued 17:30 French Programs 19:30 News *Headlines 19:35 Pacific Station 20:01* The American Chart Show 20:30 Material World 21:10 Kung Fu 22:00 News in English 22:25 Feature Film 00:00 Taratata

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 The 700 Club 15:00 Larry King 16:00 Hunter 16:55 Family Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 18:35 Day and Date 19:30 *World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00* CNN News 20:30 Water Rats 21:30 Land's End 22:15 One West Waikiki Pilot 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:15 Things Which Can't Be Sold 17:15 World of Entertainment and the Arts 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Today – news in Russian 20:00 News 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 Secret Agent (1936) – classic Alfred Hitchcock suspense drama about an agent who is assigned, against his will, to kill someone. The film is based on a story by Somerset Maugham. Starring John Gielgud, Robert Young, Peter Lorre and Lily Palmer. (83 mins.) 23:10 *Hunting Thieves*

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Wonder Years 16:00 Stories from Life 16:20 The Terrible Day 16:35 A Wedding in Grade 12 17:05 Before *Induction 17:35 Explore* 18:00 Destinos 18:30 Art Workshop 19:00 The Cairo Geniza 19:30 Point of View 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subtitles 20:30 Family Album 21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Seventy Faces 22:30 Equinox – science series 23:30 Herod's Kingdom from East to West

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Robin's *Hoods 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our* Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Baywatch Nights 21:40 Renegade *22:30 The New Untouchables – sus*pense 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:50 Melrose Place 00:30 Nursing School 1:20 The Fortune Hunter 2:10 Return to Eden 3:00 The Strauss Family 3:55 ENG – newsroom drama

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Nenette (French, 1992) (rpt) 13:00 The Seven Samurai (Japanese, *1954) – Japanese peasants recruit* seven samurai to protect them from robbers who are stealing their women and their crops (rpt) 15:40 Death in Small Doses (1993) – when a woman dies suddenly, is it an accident, murder *or suicide? (rpt) 17:10 Thompson's* Last Run (1985) (rpt) 18:50 Family of Cops (1995) (rpt) 20:25 Victim of Innocence (1990) (rpt) 22:00 A Boy Called Hate (1995) – a boy released from a home for juvenile delinquents *sets out to make a new start, but finds* himself on the run again after he kills a man trying to rape a girl. With James Caan, and Elliott Gould. (93 mins.) 23:40 The Company of Wolves (1984) – a hallucinatory version of Little Red *Riding Hood in which the dreams of a* teenage girl combine cruelty and innocence to express the fear and attraction in her sexual awakening (rpt) 1:15 Flight from Justice (1993) – a fighter pilot gets mixed up with a gang of Canadian smugglers and is helped by a another pilot and a woman doctor in his fight against them (91 mins.) 2:50 Six Days, Six Nights (French, 1994) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:05 Simba the Lion King 9:30 VR Troopers 9:55 Little University – Inventors (rpt) 10:25 Welcome Freshmen 10:55 Saved by the Bell 11:20 Rocko's Modern Life 11:30 Lucifer 12:00 Chiquititas 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 The Muddies 13:40 Make-Believe Closet 14:05 Robinson Sucroe 14:35 The Milky Way 15:05 VR Troopers 15:25 Little University – Special 16:00 The Ren *and Stimpy Show 16:25 Real Monsters* 17:00 Animal Park 17:30 Chiquititas 18:15 Dracula Mon Seigneur 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 19:00 Blinky Bill 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Step by Step 21:30 Family Ties

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Blush (Chinese, 1995) – two prostitutes, in post-Revolutionary *China take different paths, one to "re-*education" and one to a Buddhist nunnery, but both continue to love the same man (119 mins.) 00:05 A Bill of Divorcement (1932) – a middle-aged man is released from a mental institution and returns home, where he must reconstruct a relationship with his family. With Katharine Hepburn and John Barrymore. Directed by George Cukor. (65 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Cousteau (rpt) 13:05 Seven Spiritual Laws of Success (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:20 Cousteau (rpt) 17:15 Seven Spiritual Laws of Success (rpt) 18:30 Open University 20:30 Survival 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Wonders of Weather 22:00 From the House of the Dead – opera based on Dostoevsky's story, performed by the Vienna Philharmonic and the Vienna Opera Choir, and conducted by Claudio Abbado 23:30 American Night – the Berlin Philharmonic performs works by Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin 1:00 Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Ticket 6:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:00 Today 10:00 European Money Wheel 14:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 15:00 MSNBC – The Site 17:00 National Geographic *18:00 Executive Lifestyles 18:30 The* Ticket 19:00 The Selina Scott Show 20:00 Dateline 21:00 Baseball 22:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 23:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 00:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 00:30 NBC *News with Tom Brokaw 1:00 The* Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2:00 MSNBC – Internight

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 Mr. Belvedere 6:30 Today's Gourmets 7:00 E! TV 7:30 The Flying Doctors 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Today's Gourmets 12:30 E! TV 13:00 *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* 13:30 Black Beauty 14:00 Lost in Space 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Charles in Charge 16:00 M*A*S*H 16:30 21 Jump Street 17:30 The X-Files 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa *Barbara 20:00 The Twilight Zone* 20:30 Beverly Hills 90210 21:30 The Fall Guy 22:30 E! TV 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hooperman 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans 1:30 The Flying Doctors

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 To be announced 17:00 Soccer from *the League of Champions* 20:30 NBA Basketball 21:00 Boxing 22:00 Spanish League Soccer 00:00 South American soccer magazine

■ EUROSPORT

8:30 Showjumping 9:30 ATP Tennis 10:00 Cycling: World Championships, Switzerland (rpt) 11:00 Motor Sports Magazine 12:00 Formula 1 Magazine 12:30 Motorcycles Magazine 13:00 Showjumping 14:00 Recreational *Sports Magazine 14:30 Mountain* Bikes 15:00 Tennis: WTA tournament, Switzerland – live 17:00 Tractor Pulling 18:00 Tennis: WTA tournament, Switzerland – live 20:00 Amateur Sports Videos 21:00 Tractor Pulling *22:00 Soccer: European Cup of* Cupholders, second round 00:00 Formula 1 Magazine 00:30 Sailing Magazine 1:00 Motorcycles Magazine

■ PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket: World Cup, India vs Zimbabwe 11:00 NBA Fantastics 11:30 Water Sports Magazine 12:30 Gillette World Sport 13:00 Golf: European tour 14:00 Chinese League Soccer 14:30 WWF Action Zone 15:30 Classic Soccer Games 17:30 Golf: Omega tournament 18:30 Futbol Mondial 19:00 PGA Golf 21:00 WWF Wrestlemania 22:00 Chinese League Soccer 22:30 Boxing 00:30 Golf: Omega tournament 1:30 Water Sports Magazine

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News on the hour 9:05 Timewatch (rpt) 10:30 Film 96 (rpt) 11:30 The Travel Show (rpt) 14:05 Horizon (rpt) 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 16:30 The Fat Man in France (rpt) 17:05 International Report (rpt) 18:30 Floyd's American Pie (rpt) 19:00 World News 21:05 Correspondent 22:30 Tomorrow's World 23:00 World News and Business *Report*

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Inside Politics 7:30 Moneyline (rpt) 8:30 World Sport 9:30 Showbiz Today 10:30 CNN Newsroom 11:30 World Report 12:00 Business Day 13:00 Asian News 13:30 World Sport 14:00 Asian News 14:30 Business Asia 15:00 Larry King Live 16:30 World Sport (rpt) 17:30 World Report 18:30 Q&A 20:00 World Business Today 20:30 CNN World News 21:00 Larry King (rpt) 22:00 European News 23:00 World Business Today 23:30 World Sport 00:00 World News 1:30 Moneyline 2:00 Headline News

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 J.B.G. Neruda: Trumpet concerto in E flat; Falla: La vida breve (De Los Angeles/soloists/Spanish NO/Frühbeck de Burgos); Bartok: Piano concerto no 3 (Bronfman/LAPO/Sallonen); Gorecki: Good Night requiem for soprano and *instruments*; Beethoven: *Symphony no* 7 (Vienna PO/Kleiber) 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod – familiar music and quiz 14:06 Encore – Lorin Maazel, violin 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Bach: Suite no 3 in C BWV 1009; Haydn: Salve Regina in G; Schubert: String quartet no 9 in G minor D173; Beethoven: Sonata no 5 in F for piano and violin op 24 "Spring"; Schulhoff: Sextet for strings 18:00 New CDs – Krenek: Violin concerto no 1; Zemlinsky: Lyric Symphony for voices and orchestra; Mendelssohn: Sonata no 2 in D for cello and piano 20:05 From the Recording Studio – Zacharia Plavin (piano), Lithuanian Quartet: Beethoven: Sonata in A op 101; Schumann: Piano quintet in E flat op 44 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 The Art of the Song

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CINEMATHEQUE Sound and Fury 5 ★ The Glenn Miller Story 7 ★ Sixteen 7 ★ Twelve Monkeys 9:30 ★ Yaaba 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 The Nutty Professor●The Eighth Day●St. Clara●Lawnmowerman II 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ A Time to Kill 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Twister 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Two Bits weekdays 7:15, 9:45 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialog)* weekdays 4:45 **JERUSALEM THEATER** 20 Marcus St. ☎ 617167 A Summer in La Goulette 7, 9:30 ★ La Affinita Elettive 7, 9:30 **LEV SMADAR** Trainspotting 10 ★ Cold Comfort Farm 8 ★ Mon. Homme 6 ★ Antonia's Line ★ The Planet Blue 12:30 a.m. **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, *19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot* Dogs Are Color Blind ●Multiplicity●Beautiful Girls●Phenomen 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Moll Flanders 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Spy Hard 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 4, 7, 9:45 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame*(Hebrew dialog)* ●James and the Giant Peach●Swan Princess*(Hebrew dialog)* ●It Takes Two 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

TEL AVIV
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RAMAT HASHARON
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Zionism centennial launched in capital

BATSHEVA TSUR

IN the coming decade, we have to aim at bringing most of the Jewish people to Israel, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu declared yesterday at a Beit Hanassi ceremony marking 100 years of Zionism.

"[Theodor] Herzl, [Max] Nordau, and the other early Zionists envisioned a country where most, though perhaps not all, Jews would live. They did not say we would be able to stop all attacks on Jews, but believed we would overcome them and rebuild the people into a nation here. This still has not happened and, for historical reasons, has not been the prime national aim of previous governments," Netanyahu said.

He pointed out that, in the first 50 years of Zionism, antisemitism was the major danger. "But since then, Zionism is being forced instead to compete with assimilation.

"After the Holocaust, the surviving Jewish population should have numbered 24 million by today. Instead, we have lost some 12 million Jews to assimilation – twice the number we lost to Hitler," Netanyahu said.

He said that all national resources must be pooled to achieve the original vision of Herzl and Nordau in the coming decade.

The festive ceremony was attended by previous presidents Yitzhak Navon and Chaim Herzog, as well as cabinet ministers, Supreme Court justices, Zionist Executive members, a large Druse delegation, members of youth movements, and other Zionists young and old.

"The original problem with Zionism," President Ezer Weizman told the participants, "was that most of the Jews of the world were not excited by the Zionist ideal."

There was another problem, he said, reminding the participants of the local Arab population, which was already here when the Jews arrived. "In 1947, the Arabs would not agree to partition, so that today they will have to make do with less. We, the Jews, did not succeed in getting all our brethren to join us and to conquer more of the land, so that we now have a problem with Judea and Samaria."

Notwithstanding this, Weizman said, if Israel becomes "even more precious a pearl than it is now, we will be able to attract new immigrants. Look at the success of the 700,000 immigrants who came from the CIS. It is a wonderful aliya. And there is plenty of room in the Negev and the Galilee to settle people."

Weizman said that when peace is achieved in the region, Israel will become even more attractive.

Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Chairman Avraham Burg noted that it was Zionism which held together the rich mosaic of Jews from different ethnic and religious backgrounds. "What is needed in an age of post-Zionism," he said, "is a reform that will enable Jews to live with Jews in a pluralistic manner."

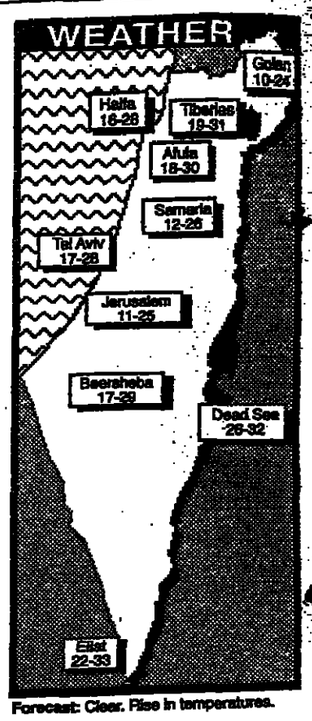
The WZO will orchestrate a number of events and ceremonies during the festive year, which precedes Israel's 50th anniversary, to pay tribute to Zionism.

In July 1997, the 15th Maccabiah will open with a sound and light show dedicated to the centennial. In Basel, the government of the canton will hold the central event at the Casino Auditorium where the First Zionist Congress was held. There will also be academic conferences and exhibitions in Basel. Numerous events will also be held here.



Reuma Weizman (right) dances the Macarena with Carole Solomon, president of the International Lions of Judah Conference, and immigrant teenagers yesterday. (Nitsan Shorer)

WEATHER



Forecast: Clear. Rise in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	08	46	14	57	cloudy
Berlin	10	50	18	64	cloudy
Buenos Aires	12	54	26	79	clear
Cairo	20	68	28	82	clear
Chicago	09	48	26	79	pcloudy
Copenhagen	08	46	15	59	cloudy
Frankfurt	12	54	14	57	cloudy
Geneva	11	52	13	55	pcloudy
Helsinki	00	32	09	48	clear
Hong Kong	25	77	31	88	clear
Jo'burg	14	57	28	82	cloudy
Lisbon	14	57	20	68	clear
London	10	50	15	59	pcloudy
Los Angeles	17	63	24	75	clear
Madrid	08	46	24	75	cloudy
Montreal	03	37	09	48	cloudy
Moscow	02	35	09	48	cloudy
New York	11	52	16	61	clear
Paris	09	48	16	61	pcloudy
Rome	10	50	21	70	rain
Stockholm	07	45	10	50	cloudy
Sydney	15	59	25	77	cloudy
Tokyo	15	59	22	72	clear
Toronto	06	43	08	46	pcloudy
Vienna	14	57	17	63	rain
Zurich	08	46	11	52	rain

US senator blasts Swiss for delaying WWII investigation

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE Swiss are playing "the old game of delay" in their investigation of their dealings with the Nazis, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, charged yesterday in New York.

He assailed a five-year Swiss inquiry, just getting under way, into its World War II activities, saying that if the Swiss want to be "helpful," their inquiry should not take five years.

"It's unconscionable," he said at a special Banking Committee hearing yesterday in New York. "It's the old game of delay, delay. They want to stall this till there is no memory of the survivors."

Although a half-dozen witnesses testified about inability to recover family assets from Swiss banks, D'Amato's ire focused on the federal Swiss investigation into Switzerland's wartime relations with Germany.

He did not mention the work of an independent committee, chaired by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, that will arrange for an audit of the Swiss banks specifically to try to determine heirs of the dormant accounts.

The guidelines for that audit are expected to be made public tomorrow in Zurich, when the commission will hold its second formal meeting.

The Volcker committee, borne of an agreement between the Swiss Bankers Association and the World Jewish Restitution Organization, has said previously that it will limit its inquiry into the question of dormant accounts in banks, and will not deal with the matter of looted gold.

The recovery, amount and distribution of looted gold has become a dominant issue. Switzerland's responsibility to turn over looted gold was legally settled in the 1946 Washington Agreement with the Allies.

However, many have contended that the Swiss failed to turn over a sufficient amount; and in effect profited from their dealings with the Nazis at the expense of the Jews.

D'Amato further charged yesterday that there is "a conspiracy of silence that this country aided in 1946 when we signed that accord."

The US State Department announced recently that it also would conduct a review, focused on diplomatic activities, of its war-time relations with the Swiss.

Two attacks on SLA positions

DAVID RUDGE

FIGHTING continued in the security zone yesterday with two separate long-range attacks on South Lebanese Army positions.

In the first incident, in the early hours of the morning, gunmen opened fire with mortars and light weapons at an SLA outpost in the eastern sector of the zone, without causing any casualties or damage.

Later, in the afternoon, another SLA position in the same region, came under mortar fire. There were no casualties in that incident, either and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

The long-range attacks have become an almost twice daily occurrence in the past few weeks, with most of the operations being carried out by Hizbullah. The organization's Shi'ite rival Amal, however, has also intensified its activities against the IDF and SLA.

Meanwhile, the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee, meeting at the UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura, continued its discussion of Lebanon's complaint over IDF shelling last Friday that hit homes in Safedal-Battikh village, wounding 12 civilians, four of them seriously.

The incident happened during an exchange with Hizbullah gunmen, after the latter fired mortars at IDF troops on operational duties in the Barasheet region, in the western sector of the zone.

Representatives of the committee, with the exception of Israel's delegates, visited the scene of the shelling on Tuesday and later the American, French and Israeli officials visited the artillery battery site in Israel.

According to reports from Lebanon, American and French representatives visited the security zone yesterday before returning to Nakoura to continue the discussions.

Winning cards

THE winning cards in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily chance draw were the jack of spades, ace of hearts, seven of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

Army: Recruits less fit

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ONE in two recruits to infantry units this year are not in shape, failing their first physical fitness test in the army, the combat physical test. This compares to 40 percent who failed last year, according to IDF figures.

In artillery and armor units the situation is worse, with 60 percent failing the test.

The army said, however, that all soldiers are quickly whipped into shape, and by the time they finish basic training, about 85 percent pass the test, Israel Radio reported.

To pass the test – which is not to be confused with the physical that determines one's medical profile – the soldier must do sit-ups, pull-ups and push-ups and run 2,000 meters in a specified time frame, determined by the soldier's height and weight.

According to the latest IDF survey on physical fitness, the most fit recruits are those in the elite commando units. There, only 15 percent fail the fitness test on entry. All soldiers in those units pass the test by the end of basic training.

Knesset panel receives report on burial society

LIAT COLLINS

THE Tel Aviv Hevra Kadisha (burial society) suffers from irregularities, corruption, and grossly inflated salaries, according to reports presented to the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday. Police are examining charges of fraud, corruption, and breach of trust related to the burial society.

Some of the charges carry a 10-year sentence, according to the report by Supt. Ya'acov Grossman, deputy head of the police investigations department.

Zvi Porat, an accountant who was appointed to oversee the society's operations, raised several complaints, saying there were ongoing irregularities. The society has racked up a deficit of millions of shekels.

"The development budget was used to subsidize the operating budget, which is unacceptable. Some 50,000 burial plots which were sold in advance were used for current expenses," Porat said.

The expenses include wages, which reach NIS 30,000 a month for some workers, and between NIS 13,000 and NIS 16,000 for 20 percent of the workers. The committee also heard of intrigues between the ousted head of the society, Aryeh Friedler, and the workers union.

There was also much criticism of former director Yisrael Ehrlich, who recently retired and who had functioned as both the director-general and chairman of the board.

The committee heard that in addition to his large salary, he received huge benefits and loans amounting to NIS 600,000, which he had not returned.

Internal inquiries had been ignored, according to statements by workers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lebanese spy suspects named

The names of four Lebanese citizens, arrested over a month ago for espionage, were released for publication by Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Ramzi Nahara, 31; Bassam Hatzbani, 36; Maher Tumah, 35; and Salim Salama, 37, have been indicted on charges of espionage, abduction, and assisting an enemy state, but details on the charges are banned from publication. It is also not clear how they were brought here.

The prosecution has requested their remand until trial, but their lawyer asked Tel Aviv District Court to postpone the ruling until the beginning of November. *Raine Marcus*

Nursing home head fined

Clara Chona, the director of Beit Marima, a private nursing home in Jerusalem that operated without a license, was given a NIS 5,000 fine or six months imprisonment by a judge yesterday.

The nursing home was inspected by the Health Ministry last month. Inspectors found several patients with pressure sores, and one sitting in his own excrement. Patients lay in bed without emergency buttons; drugs were left in a kitchen cabinet without separation; and manpower was short. Despite a closing order, the institution continued to function. The judge said that if the home remained open, Chona would be fined an additional NIS 500 per day. *Judy Siegel*

Northern residents to protest

Leaders of northern border communities are to stage a demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem tomorrow to press the government to honor promises to give them special aid. After Operation Grapes of Wrath, the previous government pledged an aid package totalling over NIS 900 million.

Ma'alot Mayor Shlomo Buhbut, chairman of the Forum of Heads of Confront[illegible]on Line Communities, said Prime Mi[illegible]er Binyamin Netanyahu and government m[illegible]ers had pledged to honor the commitments, bu[illegible]y, [illegible] little had been done. The demonstration [illegible]her [illegible]incide with the weekly cabinet meeting. *[illegible]vid Rudge*

Technology center inau[illegible]

A $4 million technology center has[illegible]ne, Rabki. inaugurated at Tel Hai College, nort[illegible] with 15-au[illegible] Shmona. The construction of the 3,5[illegible] Thomson (a meter complex was made possible by [illegible]s and pairs contributions from US businessman M[illegible]er – the Rodman of Baltimore, the Balint family o[illegible]inishing London, a group of French industrialists, and[illegible] donations from other groups.

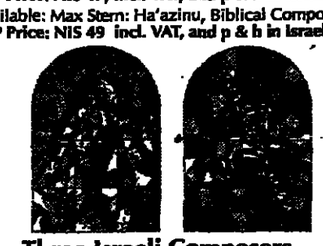
The center has been designed to help cope w[illegible]able the increased demand for places at the college, which has 6,000 registered students, after it was accredited by the Council for Higher Education for BA or equivalent studies. *David Rudge*

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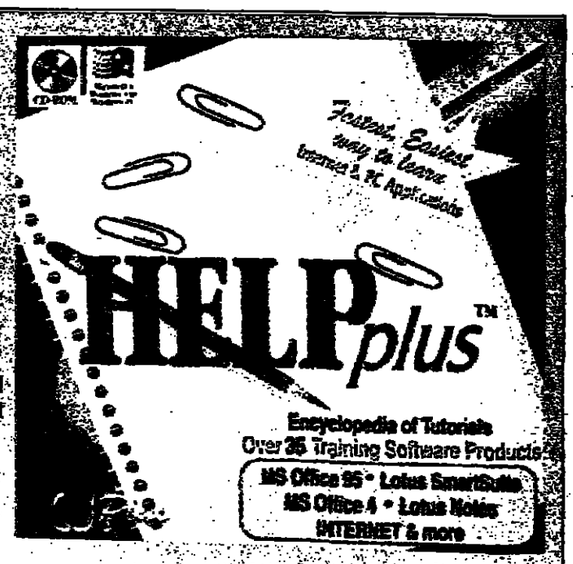
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